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**RADIO TELEPHONY  
PROGRESS.**

**LONDON THE WORLD'S  
SWITCHBOARD.**

**REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT  
IN SPACE OF YEAR.**

**"STILL GOING STRONG."**

London, Feb. 21.  
Wireless telephony as a commercial proposition is developing with remarkable rapidity and London is fast becoming the switch-board of the world.  
The Australian Experimental Service which has been conducted by the Post Office from the Rugby and Baldoock Wireless Telephone Stations, to a spot near Sydney, Australia, has met with great success, and an official announcement regarding the service will be made in the near future.  
Yesterday, a new service to Vatican State, via Rome, was opened by the Post Office.  
Recently, the Isle of Man was linked to the mainland and it is expected that similar development will take place with regard to the Channel Islands.

**Phones to Ships and Trains.**

It is possible to telephone from Great Britain to ships at sea and within a short time a service will be in operation between any fixed telephone station and passengers on the main line express trains.  
Since a single speech channel between Britain and America was opened, just over a year ago the traffic has greatly increased and now four speech channels are in use, and even these are not sufficient to meet the demand.

**Calls to U.S.A. Thousand Daily.**

Stockbrokers and other business people have accepted the Trans-Atlantic telephone as a necessary aid to business, and use it for long calls daily, the present traffic being somewhere around a thousand calls daily.  
Work has been started on the new Trans-Atlantic cable, which is to be available for telephony, and it is expected to be complete by 1932.

The British Post Office is leading Europe, if not the whole world in telephony, and is most anxious to fill the existing gaps.

Linking up with other countries, like Turkey, depends to a great extent on the efficiency of the machinery and the administration abroad.

**From London to Shanghai.**

The Daily Herald learns that if the Post Office negotiations with American interests culminate in a satisfactory agreement, the charges for overseas telephony will be reduced fifty per cent. within a year.

The next big development will be to start a regular telephone service to Australia, which it is eventually hoped will extend to South Africa, India and New Zealand.

The Journal says the British Post Office is leading Europe, if not the world, in telephony. British business men will be able to talk, end long, with customers in Shanghai, but the Post Office at present is concentrating on the development of dominion telephony. *British Wireless and Reuter.*

**LANCASHIRE AIMS AT  
MASS PRODUCTION.**

**NEW MOVE FOR INCREASING  
STANDARD LINES.**

London, Feb. 21.  
A new move to increase Lancashire's cotton trade in bulk standard lines is foreshadowed by an announcement of the impending formation of a British Cotton Textile Association, supported by all sections of the trade, including the operatives.

The aim of the new Association is to secure economies incidental to production and regular demand. *Reuter.*

**WOMAN HANGED IN  
AMERICA.**

**MORE THAN THREE YEARS  
AFTER CRIME.**

**POISON PHIAL IN CELL.**

New York, Feb. 21.  
The first woman to be legally executed in the State of Arizona, and the twenty-sixth woman to be executed in the United States since the incorporation, was hanged at sunrise to-day at Florence, Arizona.

The unfortunate woman was Mrs. Eve Dugan, who was fifty-two years of age, and who was found guilty of the murder of an aged rancher named Mathia, of Tucson.

The murder occurred in January, 1927, and therefore, three years were allowed to elapse before Mrs. Dugan expiated her crime, which was described as particularly shocking, the murder being committed

**H.M.S. DURBAN STRUCK  
BY A STORM.**

Thirteen Members of the Crew Injured.

**FORMERLY IN HONGKONG.**

The Admiralty states that during a severe and sudden storm at Nassau, in the Bahamas, on Monday last, violent seas broke over the forecastle and upper deck of cruiser, H.M.S. Durban, formerly on the China Station. Commissioned Gunner Whitaker sustained two broken ribs, besides other minor injuries, while Renton, the blacksmith, also received severe injuries.

Eleven other members of the crew received minor injuries. During the storm, three of the boats belonging to the ship were driven ashore, two of them being practically destroyed. *British Wireless.*

in order that she might obtain possession of his property.

A search of her cell before the execution revealed a phial of poison under the mattress. She spent a few hours before the execution in playing cards.

Half a dozen women were among the witnesses of the execution. *Reuter's American Service.*

**THE SWEEP TICKET  
PROSECUTION.**

**NO ORDER FOR SEIZURE  
MADE.**

In the case in which two salesmen of the Sincere Company were charged with "trading" in South China Association sweep-tickets, and were fined on Thursday, the Magistrate (Mr. Hamilton) has declined to make an order regarding the disposal of the tickets seized by the police.

Mr. T. H. King, the Director of Criminal Intelligence, attended before the Court this morning, with C. I. D. Murphy and the Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes.

His Worship remarked:—Mr. King, the whole thing seems to be in a melting pot. I won't make an order.

**CAR COLLIDES WITH  
TRAM.**

**MR. W. E. HOLLANDS' NARROW  
ESCAPE.**

Mr. W. E. Hollands, the Hon. Secretary of the Football Association, was involved in a rather nasty vehicular smash yesterday morning at Kennedy Town.  
Mr. Hollands was proceeding, shortly after 11 a.m., along the Kennedy Town Praya in his car, when a coolie, who was carrying a sack of rice, got in his way.  
In endeavouring to avoid running into the coolie, Mr. Hollands swerved abruptly and collided with a tramcar. Mr. Hollands escaped injury, but the front of his car was badly smashed

**FORCES MASSING  
IN NORTH.**

**PREPARING FOR BIG  
STRUGGLE.**

**MARSHAL CHIANG SAID TO  
BE PESSIMISTIC.**

**CHIEFS APPOINTED.**

Shanghai, Feb. 21.  
Nanking's extensive preparations for war on the Lung-Hai and Tientsin-Pukow Railways include the filling of important military posts, these being decided on at a military conclave held at Tongshan on Thursday, when Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was in the chair.

Considerable reticence is shown regarding the decisions of the meeting, but it is officially announced that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek reviewed the North China situation, somewhat pessimistically, expressing his intention to leave Nanking personally to direct operations at the front.

**The Chief Commands.**

The meeting also decided on the appointment of General Ho Ying-ching, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's chief lieutenant, as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist forces along the Peking-Hankow Railway, with Headquarters at Hankow, while the First National Division Chief, General Liu Chi, will be assigned to the command of the forces along the Lung-Hai Railway.

The Hunan situation is extremely tense and hostilities are expected to commence at any moment.

**Further Activity.**

A general mobilisation of Shanai troops, coupled with other extensive war activity, is taking place along the Peking-Hankow Railway. Shanai is understood to have sent three gunboats and several guns to the Peking-Hankow Railway in readiness to make a thrust on Hankow.

The mobilisation of Kuomintang units at Tungwan is reported.

**Communications Interrupted.**

While extreme tension is reported along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Peking-Hankow Railway, conditions along the Lung-Hai Railway are quiet. On the Peking-Hankow Railway, the up trains from Hankow have been partly interrupted, but the express service is still maintained. The schedules of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway are irregular on account of Nationalist troop movements.

Shanai messages state that Marshal Yen Hsi-shan is enlisting volunteers in thousands, in anticipation of a lengthy struggle with Nanking.

**Generals Support Yen.**

Peking, Feb. 21.  
Shanai organs claim the receipt of Sianfu telegrams reporting that the Kuomintang leaders, Lu Chung-lin, Sun Chieh-yuan, Liu Yu-fen, Sun Liang-sing and Shih Chiang-ling have telegraphed to Yen Hsi-shan supporting his recent stand, and offering to back him with armed force.

Their telegram denounces Chiang Kai-shek, declaring that his policy of unification by force is a cloak for extermination of all the militarists in order to strengthen himself.

Skirmishes in Central Honan are reported in Chengchow telegrams, between troops acknowledging the leadership of Han Fu-chu and Hsu Yuan-chuan's forces.  
At present traffic on the Peking-Hankow railway is running normally, but Wednesday's train to Peking from Pukow was held up for twelve hours at Chuchow, forty miles northward of Peking, for some reason unknown. Foreign sources at Tientsin report that Feng Yu-shiang yesterday left Chienan for Sian, but the report lacks confirmation. *Reuter.*

**THE CURSE OF TUT  
ANKH-AMEN.**

**LORD WESTBURY COMMITS  
SUICIDE.**

**LOST HIS ONLY SON.**

London, Feb. 21.  
Lord Westbury, who was seventy-eight years of age, jumped from a 7th floor flat in London and was killed.  
At the inquest to-day a verdict of suicide while of unsound mind was returned.  
Evidence was given that Lord Westbury, who had long suffered from ill health, had grieved very much over the loss of his son and heir, the Honourable Richard Bethell, who was recently found dead in his bed.

The Hon. Richard Bethell, who was only forty-six, was Secretary to Mr. Howard Carter, who carried out the work of excavating the tomb of Tut Ankh-Amen in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt, and his tragic and early death has revived the superstition of the curse on those who disturb the tombs of the Ancient Pharaohs.

**BIG AMERICAN OIL  
MERGER.**

Socony and Vacuum Oil Co. to Unite.

**HUGE JOINT CAPITAL.**

New York, Feb. 21.  
The Vacuum Oil Company announces its early merger with the Standard Oil Company of New York, which will be one of the most important amalgamations in the oil history of the United States.  
The Standard Oil Company's capital is \$30,000,000, and the Vacuum Oil Company's \$25,000,000.  
The Vacuum Oil Company was a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, which is the largest oil company in America. *Reuter's American Service.*

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Since the excavation of Tut Ankh-Amen's Tomb, ten people who were concerned in the work have died, including Lord Carnarvon.

The late Lord Westbury was the Third Baron. He succeeded to the title in 1875, four years before he resigned a commission in the Scots Guards.

**POLICE INSPECTOR  
SERIOUSLY ILL.**

**IN HOSPITAL WITH  
PNEUMONIA.**

Friends of Sub-Inspector E. Cotton will hear with regret that he is now lying dangerously ill from pneumonia in hospital.

When admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday last, his condition was already serious. On Thursday he was reported to be holding his own fairly well. Yesterday his condition was reported by Dr. Newton to be "rather worse." This was the seventh day after contracting the disease, and, on the doctor's advice, it was thought advisable to cable home to his wife, informing her of his condition.

Enquiries at the Government Civil Hospital this morning indicate that the patient's condition remains very much the same. The critical stage has been reached, it was further stated.

**STEAMER BEACHED IN  
SUEZ ROADS.**

**COLLISION BETWEEN  
GERMAN AND DUTCHMAN.**

Port Said, Feb. 21.  
The German s.s. Hall, on her way from Hamburg to Macassar, and the Dutch s.s. Semblan, from New York bound for Batavia, came into collision to-day, both being damaged.  
The Semblan was so badly holed that her skipper was forced to beach her in the Suez Roads. *Reuter.*

**VILLAGE SCOUTS  
& GUARDS.**

**TO ASSIST POLICE ON  
MAINLAND.**

**GOVERNMENT & ELDERS TO  
SHARE THE COST.**

**MEN TO BE ARMED.**

For the purpose of supplementing the operations of the police, especially in armed robberies, a new force is to be formed in the New Territories, to be composed of Village Scouts and Village Guards.  
The fact is revealed in particulars of the organisation appearing in the current issue of the Government Gazette, these being contained in regulations made by the Governor-in-Council under the Watchmen Ordinance.

**Duties Explained.**

It is explained that a registered Village Scout is a person employed to guard a village or district in the New Territories (other than New Kowloon), and to supplement the operations of the police force, and in particular, to prevent, resist and arrest robbers and raiders, who is in regular employment for such purposes, and is paid therefor in part by the Government of the Colony, and is allowed by such Government, and is allowed by the Inspector General of Police to register himself in the Watchmen's Register, and is registered in such register as a police watchman.  
A registered Village Guard is a person whose duties are similar to those of a registered village scout, and who is allowed by the Inspector General of Police to register himself in the Watchmen's Register, and is registered in such register as a "police watchman, but who differs from a registered village scout in that his employment is temporary, seasonal or occasional only, and in that he is paid wholly by a village or district, and in that his arms are obtained from a village or district to which the same are lent by the said Government.

**Licence Books.**

The regulations now issued include the following:  
The Inspector General of Police shall issue to each registered village scout and registered village guard a licence book bearing the name, address, photograph and thumb print of such scout or guard.  
Every registered village scout or registered village guard shall (a) when on duty carry his licence book; (b) produce his licence book on demand to any police officer; (c) deliver up his licence book to the Inspector General of Police immediately on being removed from the register; (d) not transfer his licence book to any other person.

**Musketry Instruction.**

Every registered village scout or registered village guard shall attend at such times and places as may be directed by the Inspector General of Police, and shall there take part in such parades, instructions and musketry as may be prescribed by the Inspector General of Police.

Every registered village scout shall, during employment, be entitled to pay at the rate \$10 per month, of which \$5 will be paid by Government and \$5 by the Elders of the village or district employing him.

**AFRICAN JUNGLE  
FILM.**

**QUEEN MARY SEES "TEMU"  
IN LONDON.**

London, Feb. 21.  
Her Majesty the Queen, at the Stoll Cinema, London, to-day saw Mr. Cherry Kearton's film, "Temu," depicting wild life in the African jungle, where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is now hunting.  
Afterwards, Her Majesty took tea with Sir Oswald and Lady Stoll, to whom she remarked:—"It is a pity I cannot come often. I am very nervous at the thought of the Prince of Wales being near so many dangerous beasts." *Reuter.*

**Bulls and Innerers**

**From the Office Butts.**

"Musicus."—The very suggestion that the English Singers should compose a local work vices as "Your Airship!"  
Some of these old proverbs may be all right, but too many cooks in Hongkong don't stay long enough to spoil the broth.  
A fortune awaits the man who can invent a telephone which will give him the right number for cash sweep tickets.  
Some of these Kowloon Tong roosters who disturb early morning sleepers seem to be suffering from crowing pains.  
A temperance reformer predicts that England may go "dry" this year. Nineteen-thirty!  
One of woman's greatest handicaps in business is that she can't disclose her experience without giving away her age.  
We hear of a local Aberdonian who has given up using his gramophone because he's lost the needle.  
Some women can make money go so far that they never see it again.

There are two hundred bones in the human system but dice players are said to have more.  
Some cars are like wives; they go better when throttled down.  
Some folk are awful liars. A young man on the ferry the other day was heard to remark that he had read Homer's Odyssey soon after it was published.

King Boris of Bulgaria took the place of the engineer on his train recently and ran the engine a few miles. It may seem strange to you, but the engine driver is said to have "marvelled at his skill."

This doubtless follows the practice of separating the sweeps from the totes!  
A local Aberdonian who looks on the wine when it is red, has yet to be convinced that Hongkong is on a free-port basis.  
News item:—"Yesterday evening, when the Majestic was one thousand miles across the Atlantic, many telephone conversations were carried on easily and audibly." By the same token, Hongkong must be unpeopled thousand miles away from the Kowloon Majestic.

In resigning from the L.P.P., Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's motto probably was:—"I Loathe Perversity."  
If you don't win a sweepstake to-day, heed not what the pessimists say.  
You may not on Monday, Nor Tuesday as well. Wednesday may fail you. For all you can tell: But the last race of all May make you feel gay. Till your pony drops dead by the way!

Considering the amount of gossip in Hongkong it is remarkable that so far there have been no cases of parrot-flu.  
Missie:—Why don't you light the fire?  
Boy:—Not got coal.  
Missie:—Why didn't you let me know before?  
Boy:—Before have got!

The trouble with most of these Sandwich "an easy proposition nearly always dirty."  
What makes many a man late day referred to the ship Henri at the club is that he's so busy Kiosken. That is the worst of telling his friends how happy he knowing a little French.

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**FUNERAL OF THE REV.  
MR. YOUNG.**

**COLONY PAYS TRIBUTE TO  
THE DECEASED.**

The funeral of the Rev. F. C. Young took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, when the high esteem in which the late Minister was held was manifested by the large concourse of people who followed the cortege and were present at the impressive service which followed at the graveside. They included, in addition to members of the congregation of Union Church, many of the local clergy and residents representative of other sections of the Community, also all the officers of the Borderers not on duty.

At the Monument the hearse was met by the Pipes and Drums of the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who then headed the procession to the gates of the Cemetery, playing suitable music. Following immediately behind the hearse were members of the Committee of Union Church, Mrs. Young, who was accompanied by Mr. J. L. McPherson (Chairman of the Committee of Union Church), and her sister, Miss Clare were present at the graveside. Following the procession were the officers of the Borderers.

From the Gate of the Cemetery, the coffin was borne by members of the Borderers Battalion, the pall-bearers being R. S. M. Parkinson, Bandmaster Fitz-Earle, and Sergeants Gilliland, Kennedy, Jordan, Reeves, Glynn and Potts.

The impressive service which followed at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Frank Short (a college friend of Mr. Young's), the Bishop of Victoria and the Rev. J. H. Johnston (Minister of Union Church, Kowloon). Other clergy present were Dean Swann, Rev. H. V. Koop, Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Rev. E. A. Armstrong, and others.

At the close of the service, the pipers played "Flowers of the Forest" and the buglers sounded "The Last Post" and "The Reveille."

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government was represented by his A.D.C., Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Captain D. R. M. Cameron represented His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Commodore R. A. S. Hill was accompanied by his Secretary and Staff Officers.

There were also present the following members of the Committee Union Church: Messrs. J. Mitchell, C. C. Hickling, J. Wattie, A. Calvert, P. D. Wilson, A. Ritchie, A. T. Hamilton, N. Currie, W. D. Bell, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Messrs. H. J. Lamb (Hon. Treasurer) and M. F. Key (Hon. Secretary).

Others present were: Mr. A. H. Ferguson, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, Mr. T. Bolt, Rev. E. A. Armstrong, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. G. E. Longyear, Mr. A. B. Van Andel, Mr. R. B. Bell, Mr. W. Bell, Lt. Col. Hayley Bell, Lieut. Christian, Inspector J. Clarke, Mr. D. Davis, Mr. C. Hoare, Mr. H. K. Holmes, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Inspector J. Dick, Mr. W. Elliott, Mr. A. W. Eastman, Mr. John Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. J. H. Gelling, Chief Inspector P. Grant, Mr. David Gow, Mr. J. H. Hunt, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Mr. A. W. Ingram, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. A. Nicol, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Dr. S. S. Strahan, Mr. G. W. Sellars, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Mr. H. G. Williams, Mr. D. G. Warren.

Major R. H. Crane, D.S.O. (commanding the K.O.S.B.), Major B. C. Luke, D.S.O. and other Officers of the 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers were present. Wreaths were sent as follows:

"With deepest sympathy and heartfelt regret" from the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southorn, from H. E. the General Officer Commanding, from "Peter" from "Father and Mother" from "Mama" from "Yvonne and Hilary" from "Elizabeth" "Eric and Mac."

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the Sunday School, and the Young People's Society of Union Church, Hongkong; from Union Church Kowloon, the Council and Congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, Friends at the London Mission, the Warden and Members of Morrison Hall, the Hop Yai Church, "from Three Fellowes who are grateful for the inspiration of the past and are sure that his work cannot die." "In token of sincere regard and with deep sympathy from "the little company" from the staff of the Matilda Hospital, Miss Drury and Dr. Montgomery.

The Staff Officers: H. Q. Chinn Command, the Staff and Scholars of the Garrison School, the Officers of the 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers, the N.C.O.'s and Men, The Sergeants' Mess, the Bandmaster and Band of the 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, All Ranks of the Scottish Company, H. K. V. D. C.; from Service Friends in Headquarters, China Command.

The Directors and Members of the Y.M.C.A., the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A. and the Chinese Y.M.C.A.; "With loving sympathy from the Women's Students of the Hongkong University," the President, Committee and Members of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of "Perseverance Lodge," the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, the Committee and Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and from the Wardens' Mess.

Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, the South China Morning Post and the China Mail. Wreaths were also sent by the following:

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Van Andel, Mr. W. D. Bell, Bertie Bell, W. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Captain H. F. Bloxham, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Calvert, Col. and Mrs. W. F. Christian, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy and Mrs. Creasy, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. L. Deans, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. Dransfield and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. Drummond, Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Inspector Dick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliott, Mr. A. W. Eastman and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ferguson, The Misses Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. John Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Eve Finlay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gelling, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Goodall, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Greenhill, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gillisple, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Geotz, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Grimble, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Gow, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. D. Harvey, Rev. G. H. Hewitt and Mrs. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Lt. Col. F. Hayley Bell, and Misses Hayley Bell, Mr. R. V. Harris, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., and Mrs. Hole.

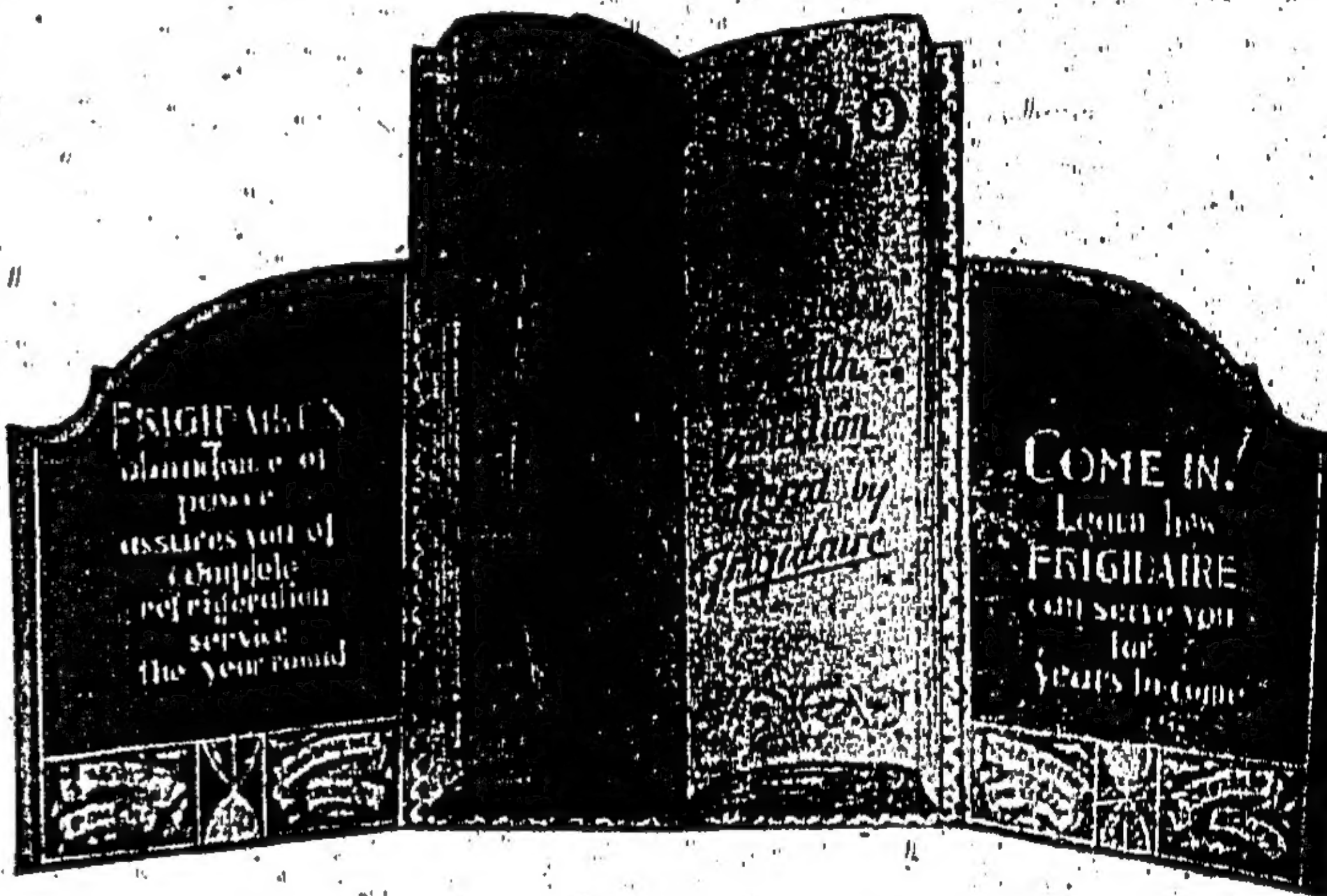
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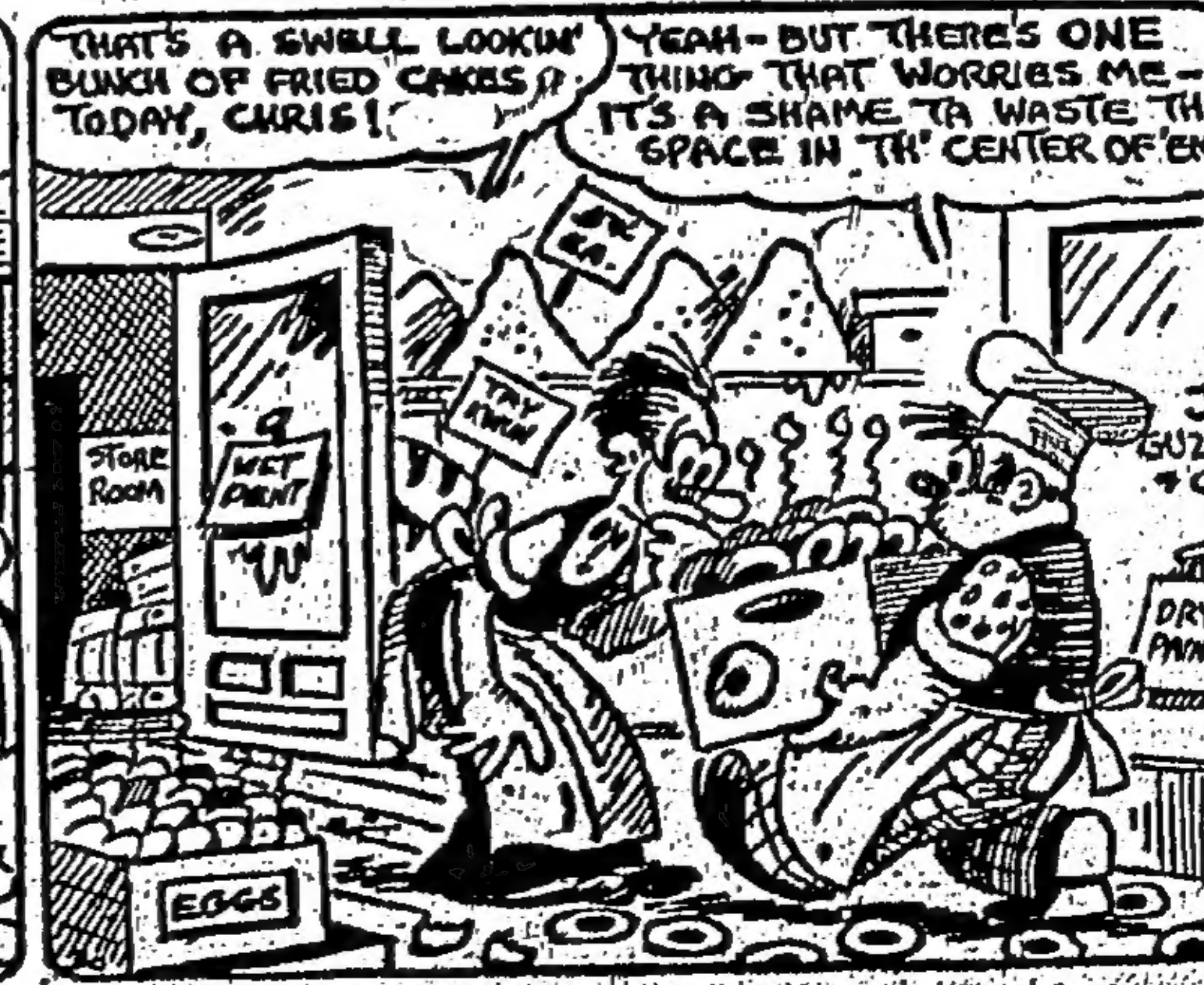
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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tregillus,  
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Mrs. T. W. Ware, Dr. and Mrs.  
A. R. Wellington, Mrs. C. R. Wil-  
son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young.

A Memorial Service will be con-  
ducted by the Rev. Frank Short,  
at Union Church, Kennedy Road,  
at 11 o'clock on Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. G. da Cruz.  
A much respected member of  
the Portuguese community passed  
away at her residence, No. 14,  
Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon, on  
Wednesday afternoon, in the per-  
son of Mrs. Rosa Sequeira da  
Cruz, wife of Mr. F. R. G. da Cruz,  
who had only just recently retired  
from the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The deceased lady was of a  
kindly disposition, being held in  
high regard by all who knew her,  
and her untimely end at the age  
of 51 will be much regretted by  
her many friends, whose sym-  
pathies will go out to the widower,  
sons and daughters in their great  
bereavement.

A tribute to the esteem in which  
the late Mrs. Da Cruz was held,  
was the large attendance at the  
funeral which took place on  
Thursday at the Roman Catholic  
Cemetery, Happy Valley. The  
service at the graveside was con-  
ducted by the Reverend Father  
Granelli assisted by two other  
Catholic priests, and half a dozen  
acolytes.

The chief mourners were Mr. da  
Cruz, and three sons. Many beau-  
tiful floral tributes were sent.

### CHINESE CHAMBER.

TOBACCO IMPORTS IN  
CANTON.

An interesting point regarding  
the importation of cigars and  
cigarettes from Hongkong to Can-  
ton arose yesterday afternoon at  
the monthly meeting of the Chi-  
nese General Chamber of Com-  
merce, when Mr. Chan Heung-  
pak, the Secretary, read a letter  
addressed to him by the Colonial  
Secretary.

The Colonial Secretary stated  
that the Canton Chinese Commis-  
sioner for Foreign Affairs has in-  
formed H.M. Consul-General at  
Shanghai to the effect that in fu-  
ture the number of cigars and  
cigarettes which a person may  
take into Canton will be limited  
to 20 in the case of cigars, and 50  
in the case of cigarettes. The  
cigars or cigarettes must be con-  
tained in an open box. The above  
decision has been reached by the  
Kwangtung General Rolled To-  
bacco Tax Bureau. It is to be  
noted that formerly the lowest  
unit for taxation of this commodi-  
ty was 5,000.

The Canton authorities also an-  
nounce that cigarettes above 50  
in number will come under the  
heading of 5,000 for taxation pur-  
poses, while to take into Canton  
more than 20 cigars a person will  
be taxed under the heading for 25  
cigars. The tobacco will be con-  
fiscated in the event of the own-  
er's unwillingness or inability to  
pay the taxation. The Chinese  
Commissioner for Foreign Affairs  
concludes by requesting H.M.  
Consul-General to notify British  
nationals of the change.

### University Scholarship.

A letter from the Hongkong  
General Chamber of Commerce  
was read, with regard to the al-  
lotment to Matriculation students of  
the Sir Paul Chater Memorial  
Scholarship. The letter stated  
that Mr. Wong Shu-ming is the  
most successful student with an  
average of 70.7 marks at the 1929  
Matriculation Examination. He  
was offered the Sir Paul Chater  
Scholarship, but his father had  
written to the General Chamber of  
Commerce stating that Wong Shu-  
ming did not want to avail himself  
of the Sir Paul Chater Memorial  
Scholarship on the ground that  
there was every possibility of his  
son getting a better one.

The letter from the General  
Chamber of Commerce submitted  
a list of six other successful can-  
didates requesting the Chinese  
Chamber to make enquiries into  
the advisability of awarding any  
of these Chinese students the Sir  
Paul Chater Scholarship.

Mr. Chan Heung-pak informed  
the meeting that he had made  
due enquiries, by approaching the  
second and third candidates on the  
list, but on each occasion he was  
informed by parents of the stu-  
dents that their sons would de-  
cline the Scholarship for the same  
reason that the boys had possibi-  
lities of getting a better Schol-  
arship. Mr. Chan stated that it  
would seem that the fourth or  
fifth successful candidate, one of  
whom is a Chinese girl, would  
stand a good chance of getting the  
Scholarship.

At yesterday's meeting Mr. Li  
Yick-mui was in the Chair, sup-  
ported by Mr. Chau Yue-teng, the  
Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Chau  
Heung-pak, the Secretary.

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### STATUS OF MALTA.

AGENT-GENERAL APPOINTED  
TO LONDON.

London, Feb. 21.  
The Government of Malta have  
appointed Sir James Connolly as  
Agent-General in London.

Sir James was a member of the  
Western Australian Cabinet during  
the period that Lord Strickland,  
now Premier of Malta, was Gov-  
ernor of that State.

Self-government was conferred  
upon Malta some years ago, and the  
appointment of an Agent-General  
in London is made to bring Malta  
into line with the status of the  
Dominions and self-governing  
Colonies, which are similarly re-  
presented in London.—British  
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### BETTER BUSINESS.

RECORDS BROKEN AT THE  
BRITISH FAIR.

London, Feb. 21.  
All records are being broken for  
orders and attendances at the  
London section of the British In-  
dustries Fair at Olympia.

At the end of the trade buying  
hours yesterday, the attendances  
of home and overseas buyers  
reached 12,479, a large increase  
over the figures for the same day  
last year.

Exhibitors have reported a great  
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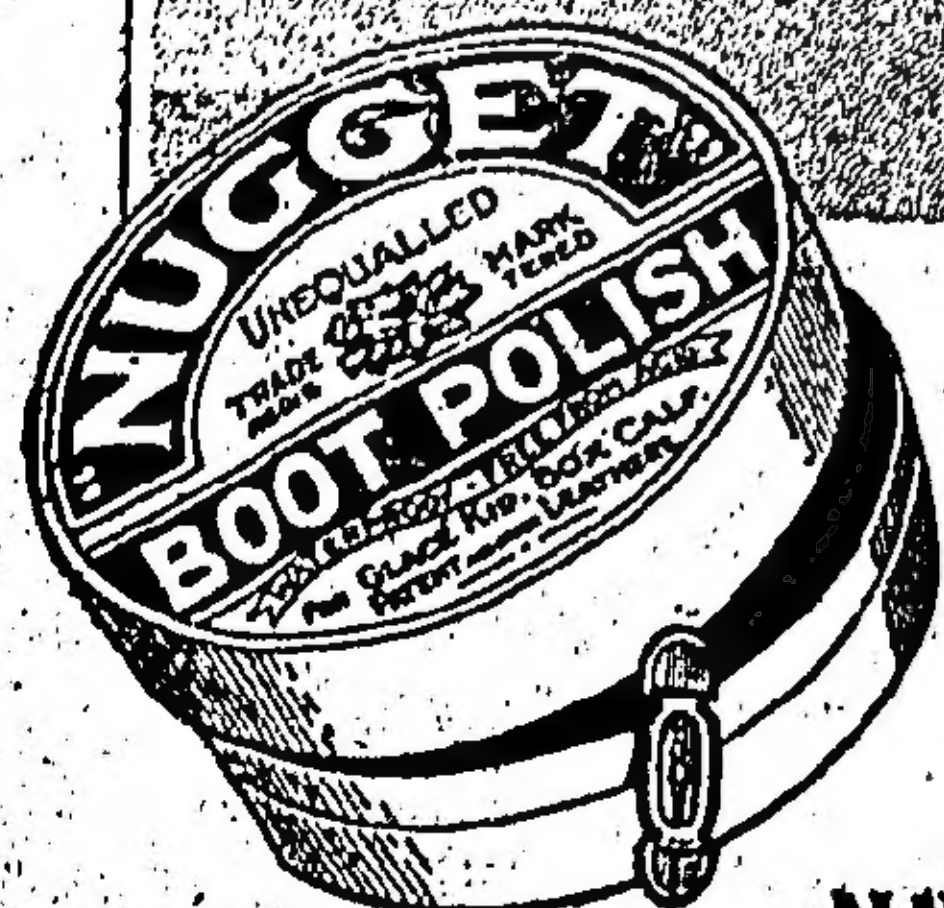
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SUNGLASSES.—Near the Star Ferry on Tuesday. Owner can have same on application to this office.

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Steam launch "Seagull"—Length 55 feet. For full particulars. Apply to Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.

FOR SALE.—Four new evening Gowns, three at \$20.00 each, one at \$45.00. Write to Box No. 631, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NEW FLATS TO LET, reinforced concrete new houses with water closet, Luna Building, Kimberley Road, Kowloon. Apply Mr. H. P. Chan, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 64, Connaught Road, Central.

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A Godown at Whitfield Road consisting about 2,500 sq. ft. next to Kwong Sang Hong Glass Factory. Please apply to Kwong Sang Hong Ltd.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate	No.	3796 - 100 shares -	17516/17615
"	"	3797 - 100 " -	57710/57809
"	"	3798 - 100 " -	81835/81909
"	"	"	143373/143937
"	"	3799 - 50 " -	13271/13320
"	"	3800 - 100 " -	194491/194590
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All in the name of Chan Ching Shek

For The HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will be open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 24th, 25th and 26th February, and close at 12 noon. (Race Meeting).  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft programmes and Entry Forms for the First Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 8th March, 1930 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.  
Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 9th March, 1930.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, 1930, to Wednesday, 19th March, 1930 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Shewan, Tomes & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1930.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1930.

22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, February and 1st March, 1930.

On Saturday 22nd February the first race will be run at 2 p.m. and on all other days at 12 o'clock noon. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and on the other four days at 11.30 a.m.

## Members' Badges and Enclosure.

Members' Badges may be obtained by those members who have not already received them on application to the Secretary.

Such Badges will also ensure admission to all Extra Race Meetings during 1930.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—per day or \$40.—for the Meeting (Indies \$4.—and \$10.—respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

## Public Enclosure.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.—per day for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

"Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.—per day.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

## Servants' Passes.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1930.

## CHURCH NOTICES.

## Local Services for To-morrow.

## SEXAGESIMA.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, February 23rd 1930, Sexagesima Sunday, Holy Communion 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m. Children's Service 10 a.m. Sunday School at Peak School 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Headmaster, Diocesan Boy's School, Evensong 6 p.m. Preacher: The Dean.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Macdonnell Road, below Bowen Road Tram Station. Sunday Service, 11.15 a.m. Subject "Mind." The Sunday School is held on Sunday Mornings, at 10 o'clock. Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m. Reading Room at above address open Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Monday and Thursday, 5.30 to 7 p.m. The Public is cordially invited to attend the service and visit the Reading Room. Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

S. D. A. Hall.—A week of Bible studies beginning Sunday night, February, Twenty-third at eight thirty p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Chapel, 20, Ice House Street. Subjects will be on the Meditatorial work of Christ in Creation, Redemption and Incarnation—Speakers: Pastor H. B. Parker of Macao, Pastor A. S. Ham of Canton, and Pastor L. W. Shaw of Hongkong—an invitation is extended to all.

## O. A. DINNER.

It is proposed to hold an Old Allogyan Dinner on Wednesday March the 5th at 8.15 p.m. at Messrs. Lane Crawford & Company Limited's Restaurant. Will all O. A.'s wishing to attend send in their names to the undersigned.

H. L. Deanya

8, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd., on Monday the 10th March 1930 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a statement of Accounts to 31st December 1929. The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st March to 10th March 1930, both dates inclusive.

## DODWELL &amp; CO. LTD.

General Managers.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-First Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday 12th March 1930 at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1929, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 28th February 1930 to 12th March 1930, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 19th February, 1930.

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## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1930, commencing at 10.30 a.m. At No. 17, Jordan Road, Top floor (Kowloon). A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.  
On View from Tuesday, the 25th February, 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1930, commencing at 11.30 a.m. At No. 88B, Nathan Road, (Top floor), Kowloon. A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture, Blackwood ware and  
One Piano by Montrie.  
On View from Tuesday, the 25th February, 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1930, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at No. 3, Aigburth Hall, May Road. A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture and  
One Grand Piano by F. Dörner and Sohn.  
On View from Wednesday, the 26th February, 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 10, Peak Mansion. A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture, comprising:—  
Teak dining table, Teak sideboard, Teak dinner wagon, Teak cabinet, Chairs, Tientsin carpet, Curtains, Charming clogs, Ornaments, etc., etc.  
Teak twin beds, Teak dressing table, Teak wardrobe with bevelled mirror door, Teak chest of drawers, Table fans, Radiator, Electric fittings, etc.

also  
A quantity of Reed Lacquer ware and Blackwood ware.  
On View from Wednesday, the 26th February, 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on Friday, the 28th February, 1930, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 2B Armend Buildings, Kowloon. A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture, comprising:—  
Chesterfield couch and armchair, Rocking chair, Teak cabinet, Teak desk, Teak cupboard, with glass shelves, Carpet, Cushions, Curtain, Ornament, etc., etc.  
Teak dining table, Teak sideboard, Teak chairs, Teak card table, Screen, Pictures, Filter etc., etc.  
Teak bedstead, Wardrobe with bevelled mirror doors, Teak dressing table, Linen cupboard, Chest of drawers, Mahjong table, etc., etc.  
Electric fittings and Bathroom Fixtures.

also  
One Piano, Gramophone Victrola IX and  
One White Frost.  
(Most of the above Furniture made by Lane, Crawford Ltd.)  
On View from Thursday, the 27th February, 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.  
LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Tuesday, the 25th February 1930, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at No. 41, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon. A quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.  
On View from Monday, the 24th February 1930.  
Terms:—Cash on delivery.  
Lammert Bros.,  
Auctioneers.

## HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

## DEMONSTRATION MODEL.

A demonstration set, showing the operation of the automatic switches during the progress of a call, and demonstrating the various tones received at each stage, has been installed in the main lounge of Lane, Crawford's Cafe, and telephone users are earnestly requested to avail themselves of the opportunity of becoming conversant with the method of operation by paying a visit to this working model where officers of the Company will be in attendance to explain the functioning of the switches, and the meaning of the different tones.  
J. P. SHERRY,  
Manager.

## THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 4.30 p.m. Thursday the 27th February 1930, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 20th February to Thursday, 27th February 1930, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1930.

## ANTARCTIC LANDS.

## A REPORT OF FURTHER DISCOVERIES.

Oslo, Feb. 21.  
Considerable new land in the Antarctic has been discovered by a Norwegian expedition under Captain Riser Larsen and Luetzow Holm, whose ship Norvegia wirelesses that on February 17 they discovered territory, the south-west point of which is situated in Latitude 71.26 South Longitude 11.31 West.  
Larsen and Holm aerielly surveyed and mapped out 115 miles of territory.  
The expedition a month ago mapped out two hundred miles of new land, consisting of a precipitous coast between fifty-five and forty-three degrees Longitude East. They saw at fifty degrees East, a great bay extending southwards to sixty-six degrees Latitude South.—Reuter.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Swatow	Yuan Lee .. Sat, Feb. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo .. Sat, Feb. 22, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon .. Sat, Feb. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Soochow .. Sat, Feb. 22, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow and Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	Cheong Shing .. Sat, Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
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## BOWLING GREEN CLUB MEETING.

## FINANCIAL POSITION DISCUSSED.

A proposal to increase entrance fees and subscriptions in order to provide a bigger income for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, was debated at the annual general meeting which was held yesterday evening under the chairmanship of the President, Mr. D. F. Warren.

The President, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said: "The report and balance sheet has been in your hands for the required length of time and I propose, with your approval, gentlemen, to follow the customary procedure and take them as read. As this report gives the synopsis of the year's work, I feel it is unnecessary for me to dwell for any length in further review."

On our Closing Day on the 21st December, I gave a report covering the Club's activities with respect to bowls and tennis fixtures.

You have already noted from the report that there is a loss of \$103.72 in the year's working. This is not to be wondered at, however, when we consider the extraordinary expenses incurred.

Your previous General Committee decided to have the new green entirely re-laid. The total cost of this work was \$1,849.45, which amount was paid during the year under review. This expenditure has been dealt with in the following manner:—\$146.45 relating to ditches and boarding has been charged against revenue under the Repairs and Renovations heading. The remainder, viz., \$1,702.80, representing the main contractors' account, has been spread over a period of five years and as will be seen from the accounts before you, one-fifth, viz., \$340.56, has been charged against 1929 Working Account, although this green has not yet been used. We have every reason to believe that this green will be one of the best in the Colony. It was also found necessary, on account of the water shortage, to take full advantage of the water from the existing well on the premises and in order to do this, several alterations were found necessary. Pipe lines for watering the greens and tennis courts were entirely renewed and new hose purchased. A new well was sunk and well water is now available at all the greens, tennis courts and wash-rooms. I may add that the additional well is paying proposition, as it has not been necessary to pay for any excess water from public mains since its completion and it will thus save its cost in less than two years. It was also found necessary to re-turf part of the far Bowling Green and a considerable amount of black earth was obtained from New Territory and utilized for top dressing on our bowling greens and tennis courts. It was also decided to provide for depreciation of the Club-house, etc., and also to write off one-third of the Incorporation Preliminary Expenses. These, gentlemen, are the reasons for the loss on the Working Account for the year under review.

## A Bright Outlook.

Your Incoming General Committee will enter upon their duties under the most favourable circumstances, as our entire plant, including the Club-house and greens, are now in excellent condition. You will note, I am sure, with pleasure that the Auditors this year have given us a clear certificate.

Gentlemen, I regret to report the loss by death of three of our members, namely—Messrs. D. Harvey, F. J. Connolly and J. MacSchlachy. As Mr. Harvey and Mr. Connolly passed away before our last annual general meeting, the President, (Mr. Wyllie) made suitable reference to their removal and on our Closing Day I made reference to the death of Mr. MacSchlachy. Under these circumstances, I would ask you to rise for a moment and remain standing for a moment in honour of the memory of our departed members.

Gentlemen, I feel that it has been a great privilege and honour to have served you as President for the year 1929. I have had the loyal support of the General Committee at all times. Mr. Nish, the Vice-President, has been a valuable assistant throughout the year. Mr. Hogbin, our Hon. Secretary and Mr. Rapley, our Honorary Treasurer, are outstanding officials and both did excellent work in their respective departments.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts and ask that someone will kindly second.

Election of Officers.  
On the proposition of Mr. H. Nish, seconded by Mr. G. E. Roylance, hon-

orary of \$200 each were voted to the hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and the bar convenor.

In proposing that Mr. Nish be elected as President for the ensuing year, Mr. D. F. Warren said that Mr. Nish was Vice-President for the previous year. He had been a member of the Club for a long time and had served on the committee on many occasions. He had been an indefatigable assistant during the past year.

The proposition was carried with applause.

In replying, Mr. Nish said he understood it was the usual custom for the incoming President to call the "boy" and he would not defer that by making a long speech. (laughter).

Mr. G. E. F. Thompson was elected Vice-President, on the proposition of Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, seconded by Mr. J. S. McIntosh.

Mr. McIntosh proposed and Mr. Roylance seconded the re-election of Mr. E. W. L. Hogbin to the position of hon. secretary and the motion was carried.

Mr. B. Wyllie proposed the re-election of Mr. F. L. Rapley to the position of hon. treasurer.

This was seconded by Mr. H. H. Rose and was carried.

## A Life Member.

Mr. D. Gow proposed that Mr. L. Guy be elected a life-member of the Club. He said there were many who had known Mr. Guy for a number of years since he joined the Club. He had been an active member during the years he had been a member and had helped to keep up the Club's reputation in games. He was also a Past President, had served on the general committee and on several sub-committees, and had done some very good work. The speaker added he did not think they could do better than elect Mr. Guy.

Mr. C. Atkinson seconded and the proposal was carried.

When the chairman called for nominations for the general committee, and the ballot committee, Mr. Wyllie intimated that he did not wish his name to be put forward.

The following were elected to the general committee, Messrs. D. Keith, H. H. Rose, D. Gow, J. Fraser, W. E. Hale, C. Atkinson and J. O. McLaggan. Ballot committee, Messrs. A. W. E. Davidson, V. H. W. Chittenden, A. M. Holland, G. E. Roylance, J. Smith and Captain B. Branch.

The following signified their intention of giving prizes, specific prizes being in brackets after the name of the member presenting them. Mr. J. Gibson (second prize Vice-Presidents), Mr. E. W. L. Hogbin (first prize, non-prize winners), Mr. G. E. Roylance (second prize, non-prize winners), Mr. W. E. Hale (tennis), Messrs. H. Nish, T. Bradford and W. Russell (Galloway Cup), Messrs. H. H. Rose and V. H. W. Chittenden (prize for the skip in either the first or second team with the highest average during the league season). Other prizes generally were offered by Mr. D. Gow, Mr. D. Keith, Mr. D. W. Phillips, Mr. F. L. Rapley, Mr. C. Atkinson, Capt. B. Branch, Mr. D. F. Warren and Mr. R. Duncan.

## Finance Questions.

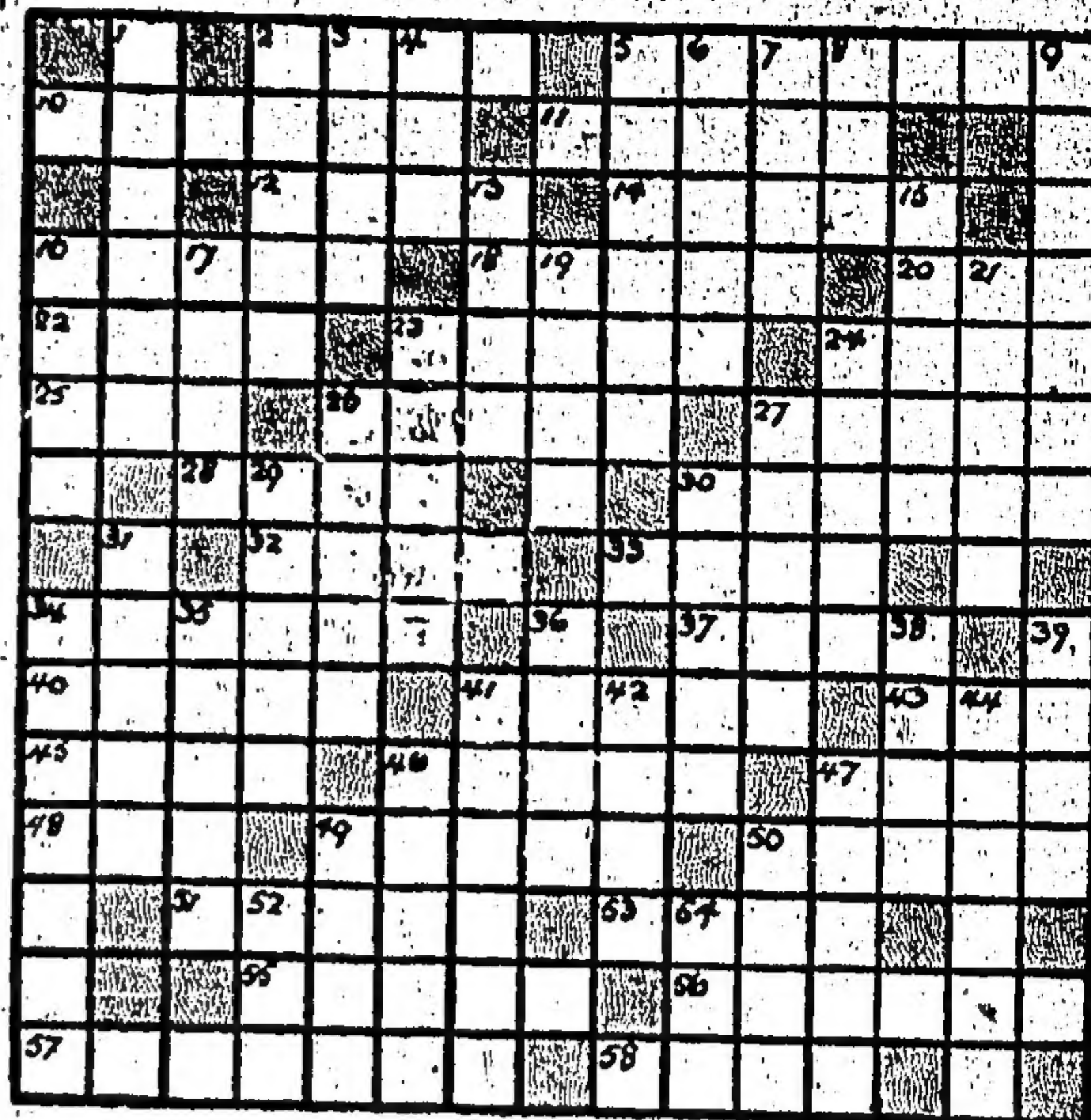
Mr. Warren then introduced the question of improving the Club's finances. He said that during the past year they had been working with an overdraft, which was very unsatisfactory, and he would like to see matters arranged whereby the new committee would have sufficient money to carry on with, in which connection Mr. Rapley would speak.

Mr. Rapley said it fell to him to propose that subscriptions be increased, and he would briefly outline the reasons for the suggestion. He continued that from last year's working account, they would see that about half the income was derived from bar profits. Prices of all wines, spirits and tobacco had recently gone up considerably owing to the low dollar and that would most probably have the effect of restricting bar business and consequently reducing profit from it. In addition, expenses would tend to increase as a result of the drop in the dollar and they would therefore have to take steps to increase the income.

Mr. Rapley continued that there were two main sources of income those being bar profits and subscriptions. He believed it would be wrong from a business and from an equitable point of view to attempt to increase the percentage of profit on drinks so that there was only the alternative of increasing subscriptions left. They felt that an increased subscription would be the better method to adopt.

He proposed that extraordinary meetings be held to make the necessary alterations to the Articles of Association to enable them to increase the entrance fee to \$25, the ordinary member's monthly subscription to \$2.50, and subscriptions of sea-going members to \$1 a month, instead of \$5 per half year.

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- 22 Notice.
- 23 Cloaks.
- 24 Part.
- 25 Age.
- 26 Stacked up.
- 27 Subject of a discourse.
- 28 Haul.
- 30 Say again.
- 32 Native of Arabia.
- 33 Month.
- 34 Church festival.
- 37 Smaller.
- 40 Liberated.
- 41 Short pin.
- 43 Past.
- 46 Enemies.
- 47 Goddess of grain.
- 48 Assured.
- 49 As well as.
- 49 Purvey food.
- 50 Perfume.
- 51 Portion of an opera (Mus.).
- 53 Roving journey.
- 55 Worship.
- 56 Author.
- 57 Swell out.
- 58 Recompense.

## Down

- 1 Search.
- 2 Threw (Colloq.).
- 3 Rustic.
- 4 Insect.
- 5 Closed.
- 6 Wanes.
- 7 Give out.
- 8 Enquire.

## Yesterday's Solution.



Mr. Lapsley said he did not quite agree with some of the expenditure. He would bring up the old question of biscuits and cheese which roughly cost about \$600 and would suggest it be cut out.

## Entertainment Costs.

Mr. S. Eccleshall dealt with the money spent on entertainment and said he was surprised to see that the Club would entertain him on a Saturday afternoon although he was a member. It was absolutely wrong for the Club to pay for members' drink. He would like to see it brought into force that members paid for their own drinks on such occasions and the Club could pay for the visitors' drinks only. It was probably a good custom in the past, he continued, but he did not think it was a good custom now. He would suggest for consideration of the incoming committee that there should be no more entertaining of Club members.

Mr. Rapley said he thought they should give that suggestion much consideration. He explained that the matter had already been carefully considered by the committee who had come to the conclusion that any such alterations would tend to restrict the Club's hospitality. After all \$350 was not a considerable item for the Club.

Considerable discussion ensued, it being pointed out that if the matter was dealt with by increasing the prices of drinks the burden of providing increased funds would not be equally shared.

Mr. Wyllie rose to a point of order and pointed out that Mr. Rapley had

proposed that extraordinary meetings should be held to consider the matter when members could say all they wanted to. Until the proposition was seconded it was not open to discussion.

Mr. Thompson seconded Mr. Rapley's proposal, which was carried.

Mr. Wyllie remarked he did not wish it to be thought that he wanted to stir discussion in any way but the matter should take the proper procedure. He added that if members made suggestions they could be considered and placed on the agenda for the extraordinary meetings.

Mr. Eccleshall said he would leave his remarks for the incoming committee and would not propose an amendment.

Mr. Wyllie again raised the question of the supply of biscuits and cheese, saying he thought it a proper time for the matter to be discussed. Although he was, perhaps, one of the members who was fond of biscuits and cheese he was quite prepared to forego that pleasure. He thought that in order to cut down expenses they should dispense with biscuits and cheese.

Mr. Atkinson seconded.

Mr. Lapsley proposed an amendment that biscuits and cheese be retained but that a small charge, to be fixed by the committee, should be made.

This was seconded by Mr. Hale and on being put to the meeting the amendment was carried.

Mr. Wyllie remarked it gave him great pleasure to get the matter settled.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the out-going committee.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**

Mrs. F. C. Young desires to thank her friends for all the kindness shown during the illness of her husband and for their sympathy in her bereavement.

**The  
Hongkong Telegraph.**

SATURDAY FEB. 22, 1930.

**SWEEPSTAKES.**

At a moment when the thoughts of the greater proportion of the community will be turning to pony-racing, it is timely to learn the attitude of the authorities with regard to the holding of cash sweeps. This was made plain in the case in which the Sincere Company and two of its employees were summoned in connexion with the sale of tickets issued by the South China Athletic Association. The statements made on behalf of the Crown make it clear that the police are prepared to shut their eyes to the infringement of the law which is inherent in all sweepstakes, provided these sweepstakes are kept under control. The method of control insisted on is that a club or association arranging a sporting event may not take more than 20 per cent. of the proceeds of any sweepstakes which it may arrange, whilst in the case of bodies which organise sweepstakes on events which they do not themselves run, the commission must not exceed 10 per cent. In addition, the tickets must not be sold at more than their face value.

In this matter, we can quite appreciate the attitude of the authorities. Realising that the gambling instinct is common to most people, it is felt that rigid insistence on the strict letter of the law would be undesirable, and that some form of compromise is inevitable. But it seems to us that the control of sweepstakes is one question and the prosecution of people either selling the tickets or facilitating their sale, quite another. The point which naturally suggests itself, therefore, is whether the Sincere Company prosecution would have been undertaken but for the fact that more than the face value was being asked for the tickets. We doubt it. Yet the asking of more

than \$10 per ticket was in itself no offence. It may have amounted to profiteering by the individuals concerned, but that implies no infringement of the law. Even if it had been suggested, which it was not, that the Association organising the sweepstakes were securing more than the 10 per cent. commission which the police permit, here again there would be no offence at law. The most that could be said, in such circumstances, would be that, according to the police view, the Association were allowing the sweepstakes to get out of control; but surely that would be rather more a case for the authorities stepping in and stopping the sweepstakes than for prosecution of the actual profiteers, however reprehensible their action may have been. Incidentally, it would be interesting to know precisely how the police imagine a club or organisation can control the sale of tickets once they pass out of its hands. Other points which suggest themselves are the likely attitude of the police towards individuals (as distinct from clubs) organising sweepstakes, the holding of sweepstakes on other forms of sport than racing, football betting, raffles, etc. If there is to be any comprising with the law, it is only right that the public should know the extent thereof. In the case of the Sincere Company, however, there was strict insistence on the law, and if the same attitude were maintained generally, anyone interested in the sale of sweepstakes tickets would be liable to prosecution.

One point made by Mr. Holmes during the case under notice is worthy of a final comment. Pointing out the impossibility of more than a few people actually participating in racing, he remarked that one method of sharing an interest in the sport was by indulging in sweepstakes. That, to our way of thinking, is rather a specious observation. There is no need to deceive ourselves in this matter. The fact is that the great majority of people have no real interest in racing *per se*; they are interested in ticket numbers, not ponies. In other words, they want to gamble. That is the truth; which no amount of make-believe will alter. It is in recognition of that fact that the authorities turn a blind eye to the infringement of the law. We do not quarrel with the official attitude, excepting to say that there is still a good deal in the situation which needs clearing up.

**Strictures On The Gaol.**

A Government official who is independent, conscientious and public-spirited enough to refuse to acquiesce in a state of affairs which he thinks to be wrong or dangerous, is such a rarity in this Colony that Dr. Alexander Cannon's severe strictures on conditions in the printing shop at Victoria Gaol must have caused a mild sensation, in official and unofficial circles alike. Dr. Cannon is to be congratulated. His determination to bring the matter into the public eye rather suggests that he has endeavoured to obtain some alleviation of the lot of the prisoners by making representations through the usual channels, without success, and has chosen the alternative method as a last resort. Dr. Cannon makes very serious allegations. In the first place, he accuses the prison authorities of permitting gross overcrowding of the printing shop. And this is quite a minor feature of his complaint. The burden of it is contained in a report on the death of a prisoner from tuberculosis, and presumably sent to higher authority, stating that the death was "a further piece of evidence as to the fecundity of tuberculosis in the forcing bed of tubercle bacilli—the printing shop." These accusations are clearly made as the result of long experience and opportunity for thorough investigation, and it is high time that a disgraceful state of affairs was re-

**DAY BY DAY.**

IF THERE IS ANY PERSON FOR WHOM YOU FEEL DISLIKE, THAT IS THE PERSON OF WHOM YOU OUGHT NEVER TO SPEAK.—R. Cecil.

The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., advertise that no late cars will run after 12.05 on the night of Sunday, the 23rd inst.

The name of Dr. Cheung Shu-tan, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the Hongkong University, has been added to the list of medical practitioners.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Mr. H. B. L. Dowling, J.P., to be a Member of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years.

The names of Mr. Justin J. McCarthy, A.C.A., and Messrs. Mortimer Reid and Sles have been added to the list of qualified auditors under the Companies Ordinances.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has appointed Dr. S. S. Strahan, M.B., B.Ch. (Oxon.), to be a Member of the Dental Board for a further period of three years.

Sergeant Crawley, of the Somerset Light Infantry, who was previously reported to have absented himself, was yesterday traced and arrested by the police, being handed over to a military escort.

A number of hawkers who were arrested yesterday for certain offences, failed to turn up in Court this morning. In estimating their bail, Mr. Hamilton observed:—These gentlemen seem to have gone to the Races.

Information has been received by the naval authorities in Hongkong from Wuchow that Mr. Wooding, of the A.P.C., is seriously ill, in all probability from meningitis. He has been sent to Samshui, as there is no European doctor at Wuchow.

It is advertised that on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 24th, 25th and 26th February, all departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., will close at 1 p.m. On these days the Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be opened for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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**SOVIET RELIGIOUS  
ISSUE.****BRITISH NAVAL ORDER  
ISSUED.**

It is notified by the local naval authorities that the arrangements being made by the Archbishop of Canterbury for a special intercessory service in connexion with the allegations of religious persecution in Russia, will not apply to H.M. ships and establishments. The service mentioned is being held on March 16th.

medied. It is not for us to suggest how this should be done; for the proposed new Gaol is ready. That is the responsibility of the Government and a very serious responsibility it is. We must confess to surprise that at this advanced stage in the history of this Colony it should be necessary to urge a prison reform of this type upon the Government, but there is a definite hint that those ordered to work in the printing shop run a risk under present conditions, of contracting a dread scourge, and exposure to such danger cannot be tolerated. We shall be extremely critical of any tendency to let the matter slide merely because a new Gaol is in prospect.

**The Return of  
Eunice.**

By Elinor Slim.

We left Eunice in the company of Mrs. Gherkin, from whom she was liable to derive an education as an introduction to her come-back. Our talented authoress feels it more than ever necessary to insist that the characters in her story are purely imaginary.

**CHAPTER III: CHUBBY'S  
FIRST LESSON.**

Mrs. Gherkin had been paying a short visit to her youngest daughter, Maria, who had married an Italian nobleman named Luigi Antonio Sapolo, Conte di Glaxio et Lactogena, who had retired and was now living in a palace on his estate in Sicily. At least the place they lived in was called a Palazzo, though in the photograph Mrs. Gherkin showed Eunice, it looked more like a Belgian farmhouse after a heavy bombardment. The Count who was called "Lemon" for short, had been an officer on an Italian tramp steamer and had stayed at Lyeo Moon Lodge, as Mrs. Gherkin's establishment had been called, while his ship was undergoing rather extensive and expensive repairs after a collision with the Kowloon Ferry.

Love at first sight was his trouble. Within a month of meeting Maria he had proposed and had been accepted. Shortly after they were married his people at home in Sicily were entirely wiped out by a vendetta, Lemon had succeeded to the family estate and the title and had returned to Sicily with his young and beautiful English bride. Since then he had been doing his best to ensure that such a tragedy would never occur again, and the happy couple now had seventeen children.

Neither Eunice nor Mrs. Gherkin had any money to throw away on luxuries and well understood the difference between ten cents and a dollar, but that did not mean that they were left out of any of the sight-seeing expeditions that were made by the passengers of the ship when it reached the various ports of call.

Sitting on deck and knitting while other people were away enjoying themselves did not appeal to either of them, and they took good care that they were invited to join the different parties that were made up.

For the few days before they arrived at a port Eunice was particularly nice to all the unattached men on board. She had a cheerful "Good Morning" for all the Englishmen, and gave unlimited practice in perfecting their English to the young Jugo-Slovaks and Ghetto-Bolsheviks who were going out East to make their fortunes and knew the value of a good English accent. She was rewarded by being made a honorary member of all their modest but merry little parties ashore. Mrs. Gherkin was invited too, as her chaperone. Eunice was careful to insist on a chaperone as she knew how people talk on board ship.

There was another girl on board, a young and sprightly teacher from Shanghai who was quite different. She didn't care what people said and didn't worry about a chaperone.

Tallulah Pintail was returning from a glorious holiday in Europe and was quite frank about having had a good time without spending much money. She said she was out to see the world and meant to have a real good look while she was at it.

But teaching is a profession, like journalism, and teachers don't get big pay. They are supposed to work for love, so when Tallulah left Shanghai she decided to travel to Marseilles second-class and then do Europe cheaply by staying in third-class hotels. Even so, after a month on the Riviera she found that half her money was gone and it looked as if she'd either have to go back to Shanghai by the next steamer, or worse still, throw herself on the mercy of her step mother in England. She didn't like the idea of doing either and rather than give up, thought she'd try a different way of making both ends meet. She was then staying in a small hotel on the outskirts of Nice. Within an hour she had packed her trunk and was in a taxi on her way to the Ruhl at des Anglais, which she had been told was the best hotel in the place.

"But, my dear girl," said Mrs. Gherkin, who was listening to all this, "how on earth did you manage there?"

"Oh, it was very easy," said Tallulah. "As soon as I went to live at a good hotel I found lots of friends. While I was staying in a cheap place no one seemed to want to know me, but at the Ruhl I was always being invited out to parties and dances."

"But how did you pay your bill?" said Mrs. Gherkin.

"I didn't pay it. There was always some nice man who paid it for me."

Eunice turned up her nose when she heard this and said "Adventures." All the same, she felt a bit jealous, and kept a sharp eye on Tallulah to see how she worked it. But Tallulah was a fast worker and Eunice didn't learn much from her.

In due course, that is to say, in about seven weeks, the ship arrived in Hongkong and Eunice said "Adios," "Adieu," and "Auf Wiedersehen" to all her Continental friends, and "Cheerio" to all the Englishmen.

Her dear Chubby was almost the first to set foot on board and both husband and wife were very happy to see each other again.

"How well you look, dearest, and what a lovely hat," said Chubby. "How thin you look, darling, and where did you get that awful topee?" said she, in the same breath. "But I'm so glad you were able to come and meet me. How are you?"

"Oh, I'm all right, thanks. What baggage have you got?"

That was Chubby all over. A man of deeds not words. Men are so useful in travelling, and no-one realises it more than a grass widow after a long sea voyage.

"There's not much, dearest," said Eunice, "and if you wouldn't mind sitting on that trunk to try and close it somehow, we can get off at once."

That was soon done, and then Eunice remembered that her purse was inside. "Never mind, darling," she said, "we needn't trouble to open it again. If you'd just pay the cabin boy and the stewards, and the table boy, we could go."

Chubby said it would be no trouble to open the trunk again, but she said "Don't bother dear, I'm not giving them much." So Chubby paid them what she said, and ignored the funny looks they gave him as they took the money they had done so much to earn since the ship left Saigon. He, too, realised then how useful men were in travelling.

Mrs. Gherkin left the ship with them and they all dashed off to the Penultimate for a hasty tiffin together before the boat left for Chaomoy. Kettle decided to do things in style as he wanted to be nice to his old landlady, and was anxious for Eunice to see the place.

So they had tiffin in the grill room. (To be continued next Saturday.)

A lecture entitled "Some Remarkable Inventions" will be given by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, M.Sc., M.I. Mech. E., on Thursday, February 27th, at 8.45 p.m. in Room "K" of the University. The lecture will be of a popular nature and illustrated. It will be held under the auspices of the University Engineering Society and the general public are invited to attend.

**WHO WAS?  
BONIFACE?**

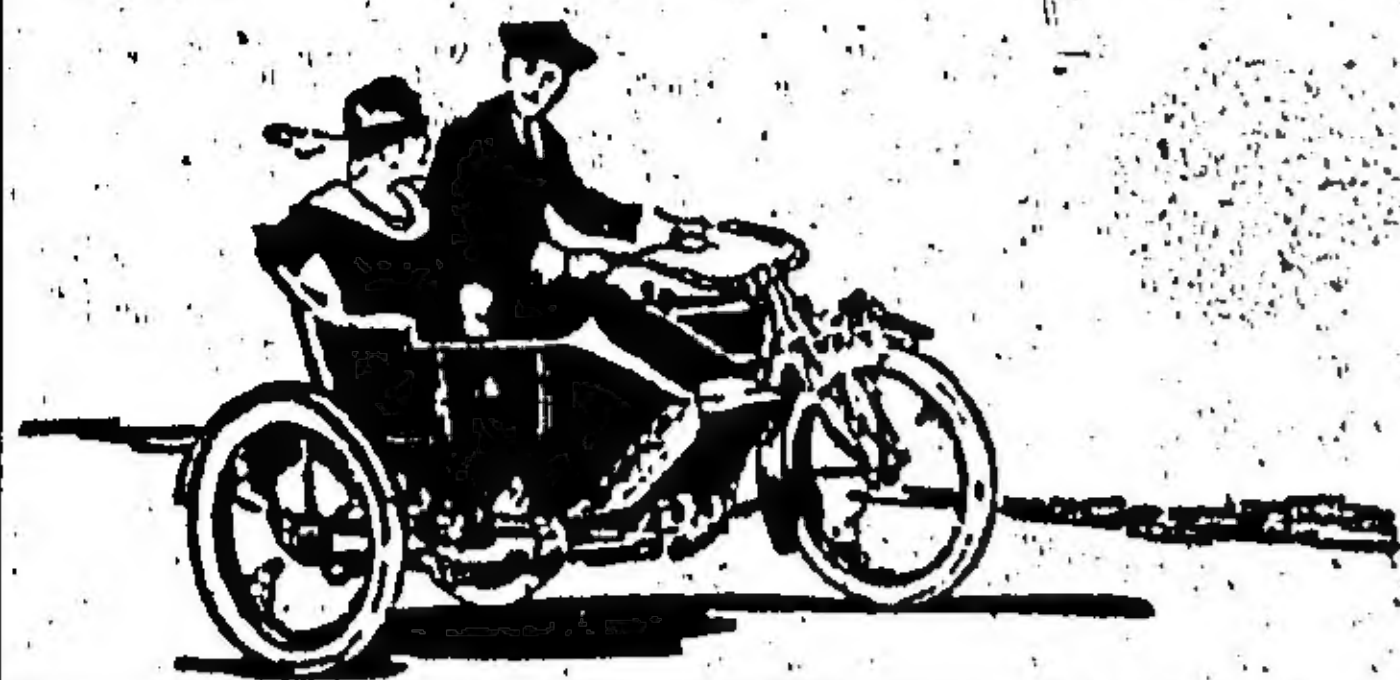
Mine host Boniface, the genial landlord of the Lichfield Tavern in Farringham's play, "The Beaux Strangers," was a jolly fellow of round face, comfortable of figure, and half-fellow-well-met with everyone. His ale was good, his victuals were of the best. No wonder that his house was well patronised.

It was almost too well patronised, indeed, for highwaymen were wont to make it a port of call, and it was an open secret that master Boniface himself was in league with them. But no-one worried overmuch about his abetting of law-breakers, such a jovial, likeable creature was he, with one laughable little trait, which only endeared him the more to his associates. "As the saying is," was a favourite phrase of his, which he was apt to tag on to any sentence, irrespective of its appropriateness. "Does your master stay in town, as the saying is?" he enquired of a servant. "I'm old Will Boniface, pretty well-known on the road as the saying is." He proudly told a stranger.

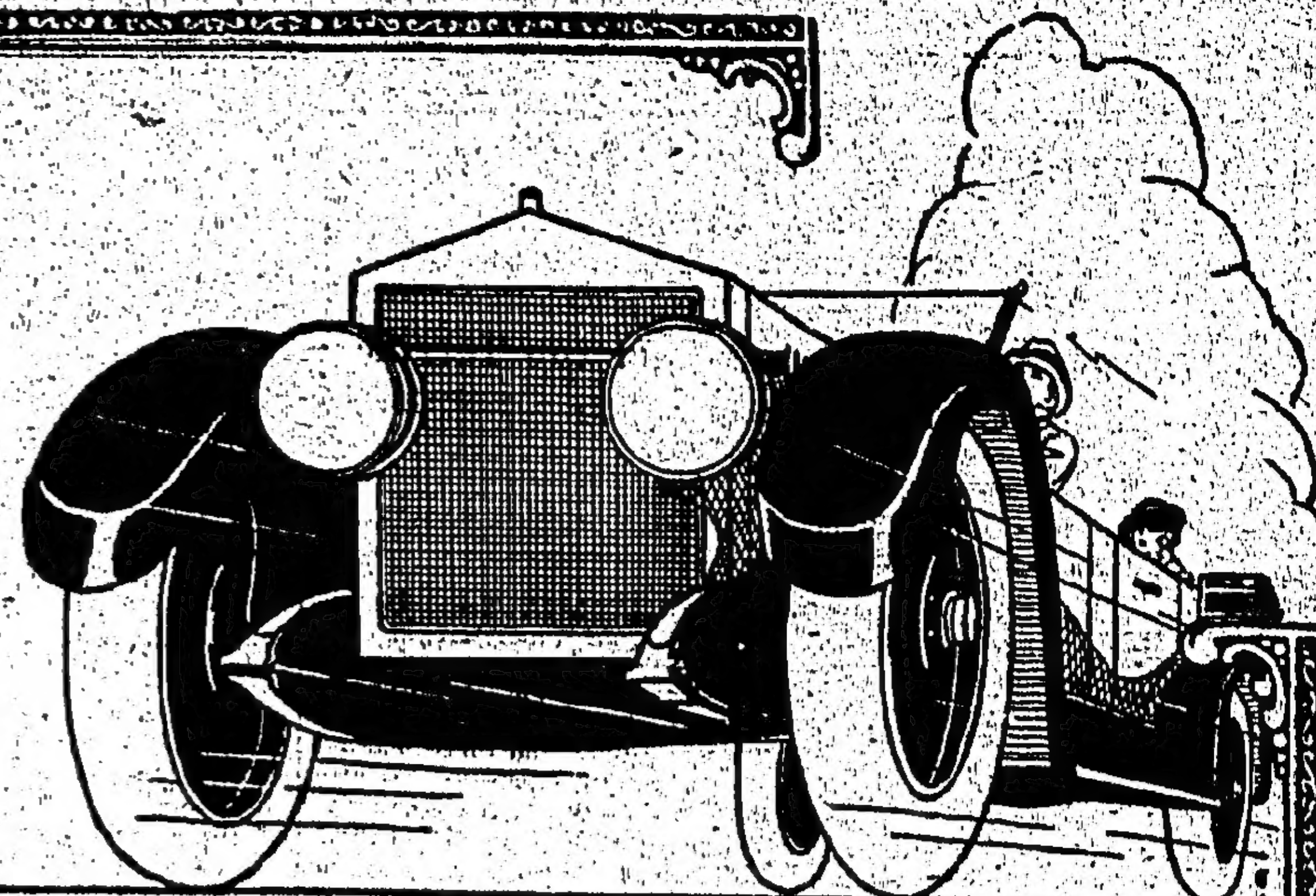
So popular was this dramatic creation of Pasquiere with the theatre-going public that his name is now a general term for an inn-keeper.



# MOTORING SUPPLEMENT



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## CURRENT COMMENT

### Vehicular Ferries.

The annual general meeting of the Star Ferry Co., Ltd. again gave opportunity for raising the question of vehicular ferries across the harbour, although the Chairman's remarks were most discouraging. The Company has earned the thanks of motorists for providing a means whereby vehicles can be transported across the water, and the fact that the system employed is an extremely out-of-date one, in no way reflects against the enterprise of the Company in view of Mr. Beith's statements. It is all very well for the Company to realise that it has a duty to the motoring public, but when an utility company has to perform a duty at a loss, there is very good reason to curb its activities in the particular sphere of its work entailing that loss. After all, the Company does not exist for the purpose of transporting vehicles, although the Directors are obviously alive to the necessity of inaugurating a modern vehicular transportation system.

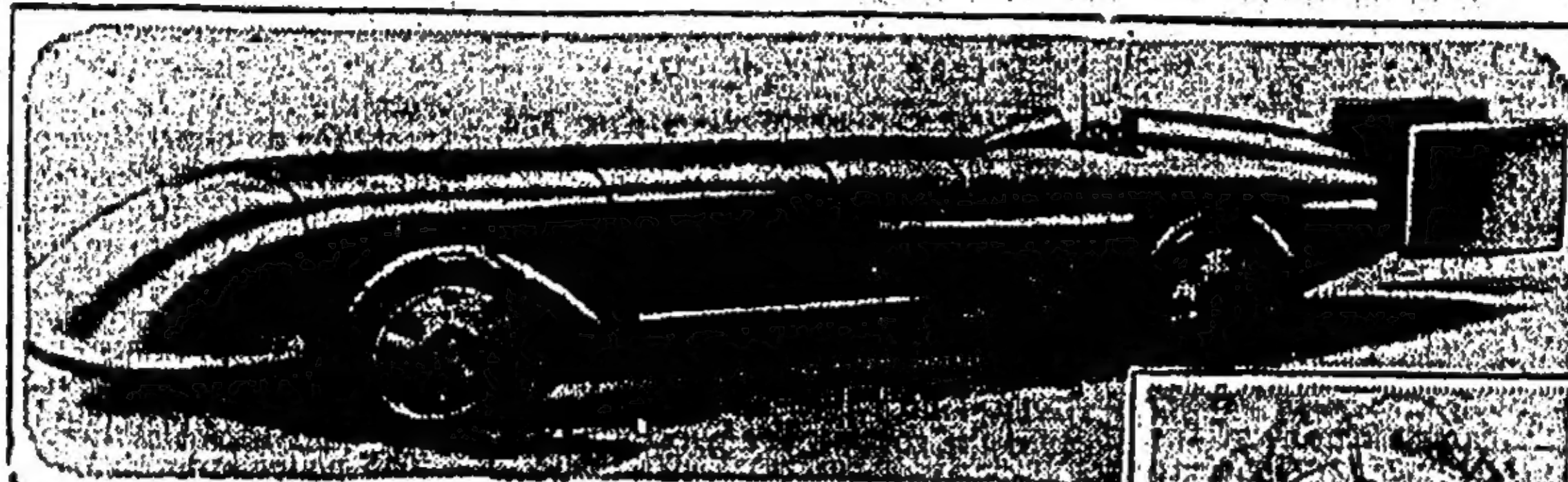
### Government Lax.

The responsibility rests solely with the Government, and it is really astounding that the pressing need of modern vehicular ferries is not appreciated. Surely it is perfectly clear to the most unprogressive mind that Hongkong is years behind the times in this respect. The Colony at present is divided into two sections, each a very large and growing community. Each possessing many miles of excellent roads, and each with many hundreds of motor vehicles, and yet the only means of crossing from one to the other is by means of the most crude system imaginable, and that due to the consideration of a public-spirited company which operates a tug and lighter system at a loss! Such examples of indifference on the part of the Government give Hongkong a most unenviable distinction, for where the Colony should be a pattern of progress and enterprise, it appears to the passing stranger to be moribund in the most elementary respects. Even if we ignore the opinions of others, there is a duty to residents and ratepayers. There is no doubt that motorists would make frequent use of a modern vehicular ferry, and its utility would be further demonstrated in the much wanted facility for cargo transportation by means of motor lorries. A progressive Government would have taken action years ago, even to the point of subsidising any reputable concern prepared to handle the project.

### Tourist Trophy Races.

Great interest has been created among local motor cyclists by the announcement that the Auto Cycle Union of London, has cabled the Hongkong Automobile Association, offering to defray the travelling expenses of a motor cyclist from the Colony, who would care to compete in the annual T. T. Races in the Isle of Man in June. At the moment, the Honorary Secretary of the H.K.A.A. is making investigations to discover whether there is a rider here possessing the ability which would justify the Association in nominating him. Such an offer is naturally most attractive, and we imagine that in the event of a suitable candidate giving a good account of himself, the offer might be repeated in future years. It has to be borne in mind, however, that the Isle of Man T. T. races are the most important motor cycling events in the world, and the standard of performance is exceptionally high. Local riders have little opportunity to indulge in high speed, although that is probably due to the fact that such events are not favoured by Hongkong authorities. Why this should be so is not quite clear, unless there is a paternal desire to check the development of skill in consequence of the attendant risks.

## TO SEEK NEW SPEED RECORD IN FLORIDA.



This strange, torpedo-shaped automobile is to be sent whirling over the smooth sands at Daytona Beach, Fla., shortly, in quest of a new world's speed record. It's being built in England for Kays Don, (right) the famous British race driver. Note how the long car, shown above, is literally built around the driver, with tremendous space for its powerful engines. The aerial rudder at the rear is designed to keep the car on its course at high speeds and to assist in braking.



### THREE-WHEELER.

Front Drive Used.

### ENGLISH CYCLE CAR.

The three-wheel chassis which was used a few years ago, mostly more or less in the experimental stage, for small cars, is again making an appearance in England.

The idea, though sound in engineering principles, had several drawbacks. Chief of these was the method of driving the single rear wheel. Shaft drive to a single wheel is inaccessible, and always has an amateurish, lop-sided appearance. Though motor cyclists prefer chain drives, they have never found favour with motorists.

A new model which is being manufactured by the B.S.A. obviates these difficulties by using front wheel drive. The rear wheel has no other function than to support that end of the vehicle.

The chassis frame is simple, consisting in the rear portion of a steel tube of large diameter, and housing the leaf spring of the rear wheel. The engine is an air-cooled 90 degree twin, and the front suspension is by four transverse quarter elliptic springs. Three speeds and reverse are provided, and the engine has a starter. The foot brake operates on all the wheels. Due to its high power to weight ratio, the acceleration and climbing powers are said to be remarkable.

### EUROPEAN WAR.

German Battleground.

### AMERICAN CAR BAN?

Behind recent reports that Germany is seeking to prevent the importation of American cars, there must be a very interesting story.

Probably one of two things is happening in the fight for European car markets. Either the General Motors Corporation is attempting to squeeze Ford and other competitors out of the German market, or nationally-minded Germans are endeavouring to make other American makers establish assembly and manufacturing plants within Germany to create employment.

Though both General Motors and Ford have averred that they are not fighting in Europe, neither yields the other a tiny point of advantage. When Ford commenced his huge factory at Dagenham (Eng.) to build his cars for European distribution, General Motors already had completed its plants for the acquisition of the Opel Motor Co. in Germany.

New Cars Ready.  
That acquisition is now complete. The plant has been reorganised and cheaper cars of larger horse-power, showing marked American characteristics, are due to issue in mass from the Opel works.  
It is significant that the crusade against the importation of American cars should occur at the same time.

### NEW RECORD.

Air Cooled Sedan.

### SENSATIONAL RUN.

In the most sensational transcontinental record breaking run ever made by an automobile, a Franklin Sedan clipped 4 hours and 29 minutes off the former record, which was also held by Franklin, covering the 3,260 miles between New York City and Los Angeles on the Pacific Coast in 63 hours and 31 minutes. This new mark beats a former record held by another car by 8 hours and nine minutes. Cannon Ball Baker, chief test pilot for Franklin, was behind the wheel of the car, which has added a new outstanding record to its already long list of major records and again proved the efficiency of air-cooling.

In this new record run the machine beat the time of the fastest trains by 8 hours and 29 minutes and made a highly favourable showing with the combination train and aeroplane time of 48 hours.

Baker was checked out of New York City by Western Union timers on a Monday night at 8:30 and arrived in Los Angeles at 3:01 p.m. Wednesday, averaging 46.89 miles an hour for the trip. Not for an instant during the terrific grind which carried the Franklin over the greatest mountain ranges in America as well as across plains, deserts of the far west and through crowded city traffic, was the engine stopped. In all kinds of weather, including rain, wind, snow and below zero temperatures, the air-cooled engine developed the great power necessary to sweep

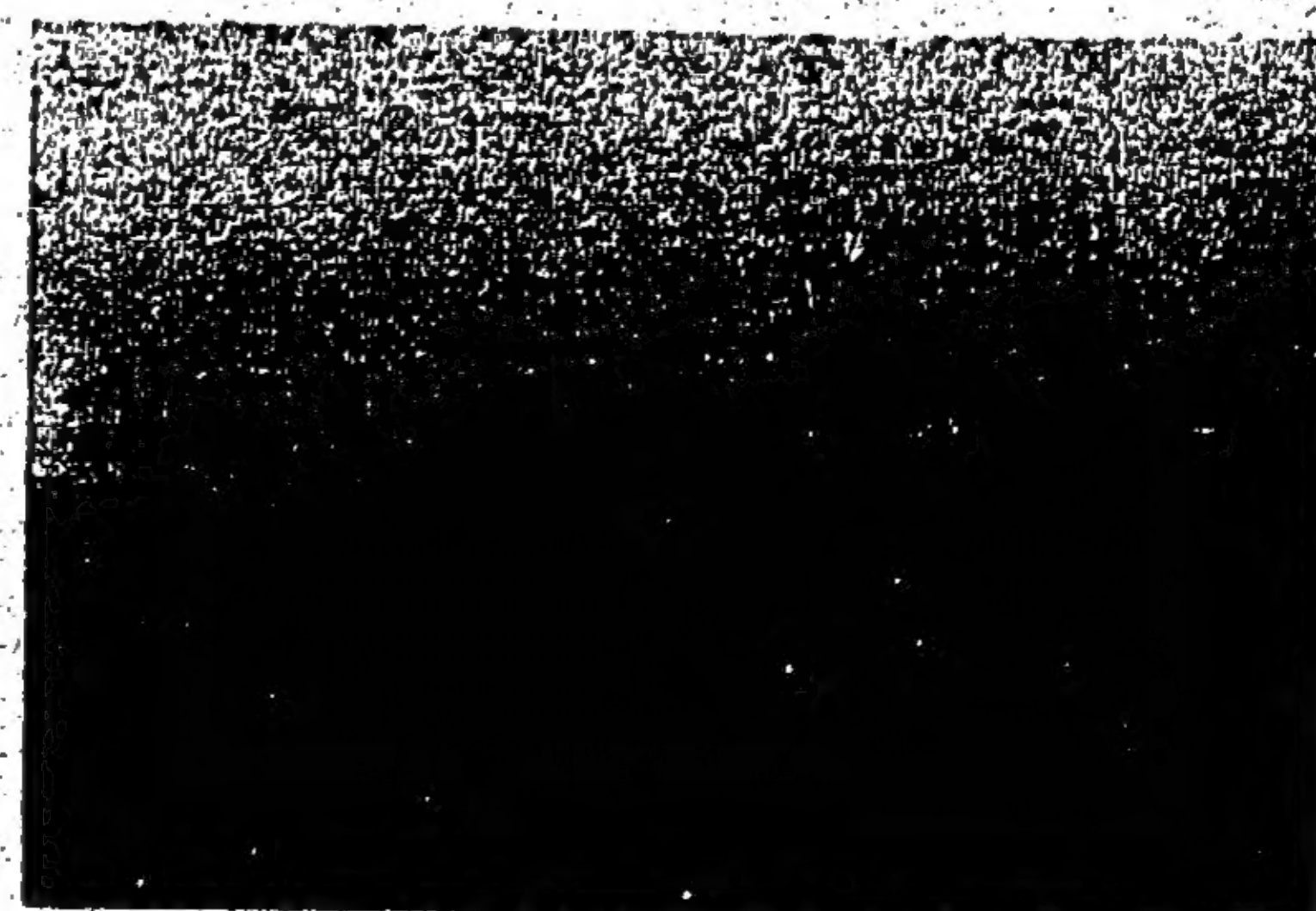
to another imposing world record for fast transcontinental travel.

When Baker pointed the nose of the air-cooled sedan out of New York with the great open spaces of the west thousands of miles ahead of him, he immediately encountered adverse weather conditions. Sweeping across the Allegheny mountains of Pennsylvania, the heavy rains made the roadways perilous for fast travel. Knowing the safety of the Franklin, however, Baker gave it the wide open throttle. At times the car met strong head-winds, these conditions prevailing until the car headed out of St. Louis for Topeka and Dodge City where better weather prevailed with a decided drop in temperature.

Across Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona it continued its great speed and power development, finally crossing the California state line with the goal near at hand. Just as the watches of the official Western Union timers at Los Angeles clicked 3:01 p.m. on Wednesday, Baker brought the Franklin to the finish line.

"I have completed nearly 100 transcontinental runs in my motor experience but never before have I been behind the wheel of a car that gave such a great demonstration of its power and high sustained speed," Baker said at the completion of the run. "Through all kinds of weather and over every type of road the air-cooled power plant produced a great flow of power. Not once during the entire trip was the engine stopped nor was the hood ever raised until the end of the journey. It is a remarkable record established by a remarkable car."

## CALLING ON THE KING.

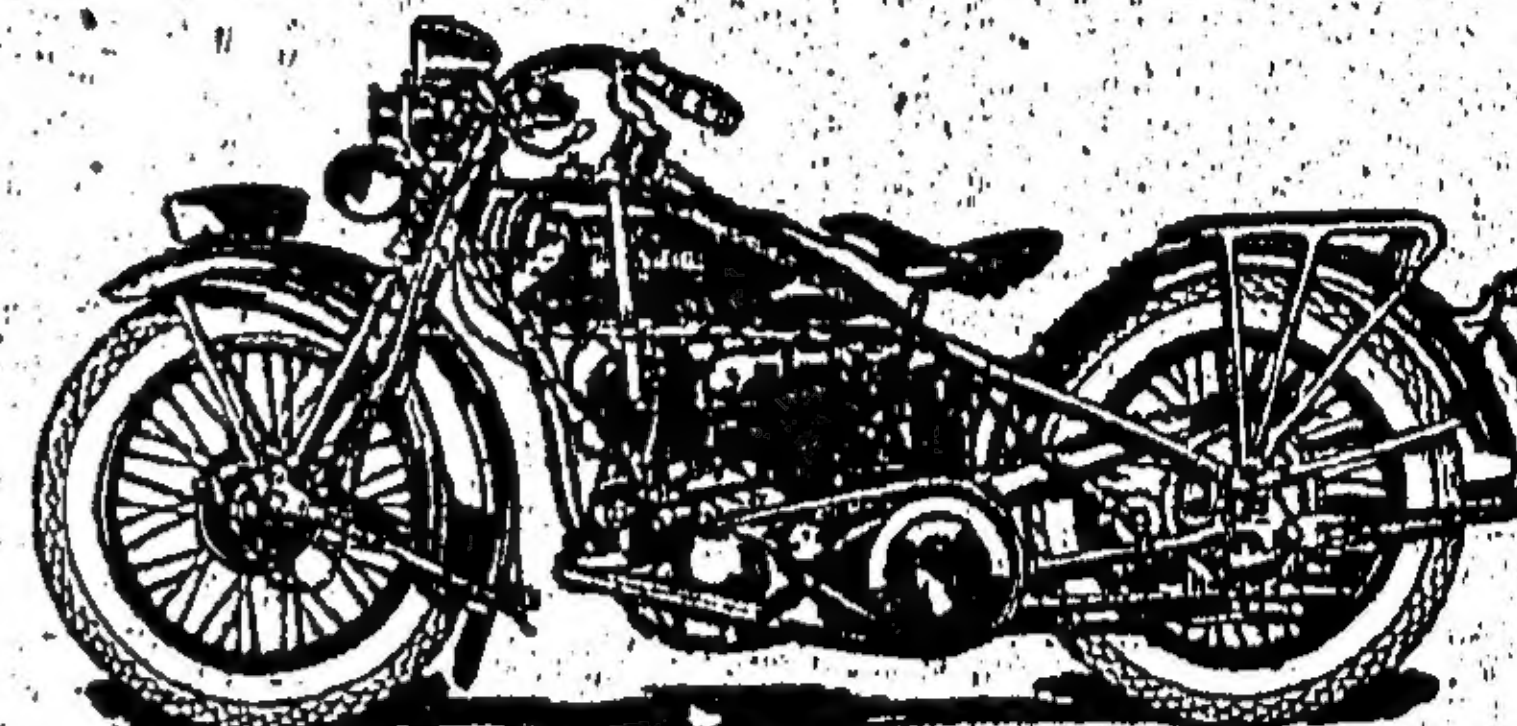


Calling on the King... Ford Coupe in front of King's Palace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

It is said that the king's crown is so thickly encrusted with precious jewels that it is so heavy he can wear it only a few minutes at a time on State occasions.

According to reports, the sacred white elephant is kept in the palace grounds. The elephant was captured 80 years ago and has the rank of a Royal Prince. The official documents attesting his appointment were written on parchment and fed to the elephant in a piece of sugar cane.

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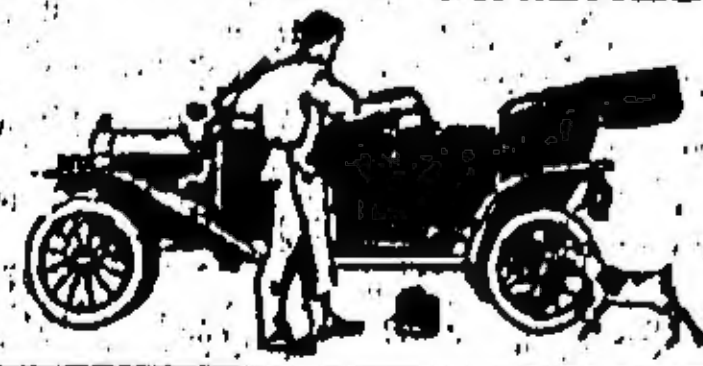
### SIGNALS BEAT SIGNS.

Europe's uniform system of road signals are said to be much more efficient than the motley array of warning signs now being used in the United States. Over these symbols tell the story in place of worded warnings.

### AUTO OUTPUT GAINS.

Automobile production for the first 11 months of 1929 totalled 5,235,616 units, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, representing a gain of about 27 per cent. over production during the same period in 1928.

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## DEVELOPMENTS BORN OF THE SPEEDWAY.

Perfection of Racing Cars and the Terrific Tests They Undergo Teach Many Lessons.

[By William F. Sturm.]

When the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation put out its edict directly after the 1929 500-mile race, that the rules for the 1930 event would be changed radically, there arose a great deal of discussion, pro and con. This discussion took place, not only among the racing drivers, but among the personnel of the automobile factories and extended in ever-widening circles into public channels, for the Indianapolis race is one of the out-standing sporting events of the world.

The new rules are, briefly: That the piston displacement of the engines for the 1930 race shall be limited to a maximum of 366 cubic inches; that valves of the poppet type shall be limited to two per cylinder; that the centrifugal type of supercharger which has been used at Indianapolis and elsewhere (since it was first introduced at Indianapolis by the Duesenberg brothers) shall be dispensed with altogether; that not more than two carburetors shall be used on the engine; that the bodies of the racing cars shall be not less than 31 inches in width at the cockpit and shall be two-seaters; that the car shall weigh not less than 1,750 pounds, with a minimum weight of 7 1/2 pounds for each cubic of piston displacement.

These new rules mean that the present type of racing car will have to be sent to the scrap heap. In order to get the proper picture, it is necessary to compare the 1930 car specifications with those that have been in vogue at Indianapolis and elsewhere in organized racing, which is controlled by the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association.

1930 Comparisons.  
Since and including the 1926 Indianapolis race, the piston displacement

limit has been 91 1/2 cubic inches; any type supercharger was permissible; there was no mention as to the number of carburetors; there was no specification as to the width of bodies; and there was no specification other than a single-seater car, which all the racing pilots have had for years. The weight limit was fixed at a minimum of 1,450 pounds, although there were few cars that weighed that little, even without gasoline, oil, water, and the driver, as the rules called for.

The great question: "Why are all these changes necessary?" was hurled by the drivers into the supercharged discussion air that surrounded the Indianapolis motor speedway and the pilots. And in the answer to the question lies the primary reason for the change—a reason that has no bearing on the likes and dislikes of the drivers, nor on the attitude which the racing public will take on the change. That these two sides of the question—which at first thought would be considered paramount—were not even considered by the men who drafted the rules, gets right at the root of the matter, as the officials of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation view racing.

According to Edward V. Rickenbacker, former speedway racing driver, war-time ace, and now the president of the Speedway Corporation and an automobile and airplane executive, "the 500-mile race has not been considered as a sporting event, per se, but as an effort on the part of the Speedway Corporation to add the automobile industry to solve the problems that progressively confront it. It is for that reason that we are making the radical changes in the rules for the coming race. The rules, however,

were not drafted by the speedway officials; they were written by members of the Contest Board of the A.A.A. and a group of other men selected from the automobile industry—men who would look at the problem in the light of the greatest good to the industry that made the speedway possible."

## A Good Investment.

The Speedway Corporation has always put up rich purses for the drivers, first place being worth in prize and accessory money, from 30,000 to 40,000 dollars. It has always been a good investment for the driver to spare no expense to design and construct his car so that it would win the 500-mile race.

The motorist who switches on the ignition in his car at the curb never gives a thought to it. Yet the well-nigh perfect ignition on the car of to-day is due in part to the demand of the racing driver that he have a type of ignition that would stand up under the gruelling test of the 500-mile race. It is no secret at all that more than one Indianapolis race has been lost because of ignition trouble. And it is no secret, either, that one of the most successful types of ignition used in the automotive industry to-day was freed of many of its "bugs" through the extreme demands of racing.

The average car-owner feels aggrieved if he can not take his car out on the paved highway and run it at high speed for hours. And he can do it, because much was learned from speedway racing concerning lubrication. A great part in the automobile engine of to-day is played by proper lubrication. The speedway races did much to develop the pressure-feed oiling systems that are found on the cars of to-day that go blithely on their way, day in and day out. The automobile industry profited through the racing driver's necessity, for the pilot had to have a system that would make lubrication positive.

## A Strenuous Test.

Crystallization of metal used to play a certain amount of havoc with the automobile driver on the road. But if the man on the road had his troubles, what about the driver in the 500-mile race, hurtling along at 100 miles an hour over the rough two-and-a-half-mile course, with four corners to be negotiated in each lap of the track and with

the rough brick course setting up more vibration in 500 miles than an ordinary road would in 5,000 miles?

Steering knuckles, steering arms, and front axles are three vital parts of an automobile; for if they get "fatigued" at the wrong spot in the journey the motorist may wind up in the hospital or the cemetery. For years the Indianapolis track was strewn with the wreckage of cars whose steering apparatus had failed. To-day it is unusual for a wreck to be caused by such a fault. Why? Racing drivers have to have fatigue-proof metal, and what they have to have they eventually evolve or have evolved for them. The lessons learned in racing are for any one who cares to apply them.

Time was when a man thought he was "in clover" if he got 3,000 miles of wear from his tyres. To-day tyre factories promise ten times that distance and think little of it. The Indianapolis motor speedway has been one of the best testing grounds the factories have had. Tyres that were developed for the 500-mile race have been of great aid in making a tyre for commercial use, that will withstand the high speed and the rough usage it receives at the hands of the driver of to-day's passenger car.

The difference between poor and good carburetion on the race course is often the difference between failure and success. Acceleration, an important function of the carburetor, is highly important at Indianapolis, with its four corners where the speed falls off and where it must be picked up again rapidly once the corners are negotiated.

For all the years there has been an Indianapolis 500-mile race, there have been automobile factory engineers in attendance on it—car designers who come for a week before and stay for a week after the race. These engineers do not come out of mere idle curiosity; they come because they realize that racing is, in truth, the crucible of the automobile industry.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation does not take all the credit for the development of the modern automobile. But in all the years that there has been an annual 500-mile race on the great brick course, the rules have pointed toward the one end—the greatest good to the development and experimental work of the automotive industry as a whole.

## PARKING PROBLEMS.

Shopkeepers Protest.

## COURT AGAINST POLICE.

So far protests against the rigid enforcement of the parking regulations in Sydney have come only from motorists. In Chicago they have their parking problems too, and regulations governing them have been questioned, not only by motorists, but business houses as well.

The no-parking law put into effect in the loop district, Chicago's busiest shopping centre, two years ago, has caused a legal duel between the traffic authorities and a group of business men who are shopkeepers. The cause of the suit was that the ban on parking crippled business in that quarter, and some houses estimate a falling off in sales of 25 per cent.

A recent ruling of the Illinois Supreme Court held that "it might have been a reasonable exercise of power by the authorities to restrict the right to stand in the streets for a short time or to prevent it altogether at certain hours and in certain places, but it was not reasonable to prohibit the standing of any vehicle in the streets for any purpose or for any time so as to prohibit at any time during business hours the use of the streets in a reasonable way."

The police admitted that the court's ruling was a severe hindrance to the proper handling of traffic, which "at peak hours threatened to become unmanageable, and declared that the court had made a grave mistake.

But the police had to bow to the decision, and a new ordinance is being prepared to prohibit parking in the Loop district in peak traffic hours.—(Sydney Sun).

## SLUMP'S BURDEN.

U.S. Dealers Hit.

## CAR-MAKERS ESCAPE.

It is certain that the recent collapse of the stock market in America will have some effect on the motor industry in that country.

With a few possible exceptions the manufacturers themselves are not likely to suffer severely in the immediate future, due principally to the time of the year in which the slump occurred. At this period they allow production to fall off so that arrangements can be made to produce new models and stocks and inventories to be taken.

Most of their stocks of new cars are by then disposed of to their dealers. The activities of most factories were reduced to a minimum when the slump occurred, and some plants had reduced their labour forces.

Before the collapse, most manufacturers were in a sound position financially and nearly all concerns reported satisfactory earnings, so that the industry was in this respect, at least, able to withstand the shock. Had the disaster occurred earlier in the year it would have caught the factories when production was on the increase to an unprecedented level and would probably have had the effect of making production for the rest of the year fall off seriously.

## Carried Large Stocks.

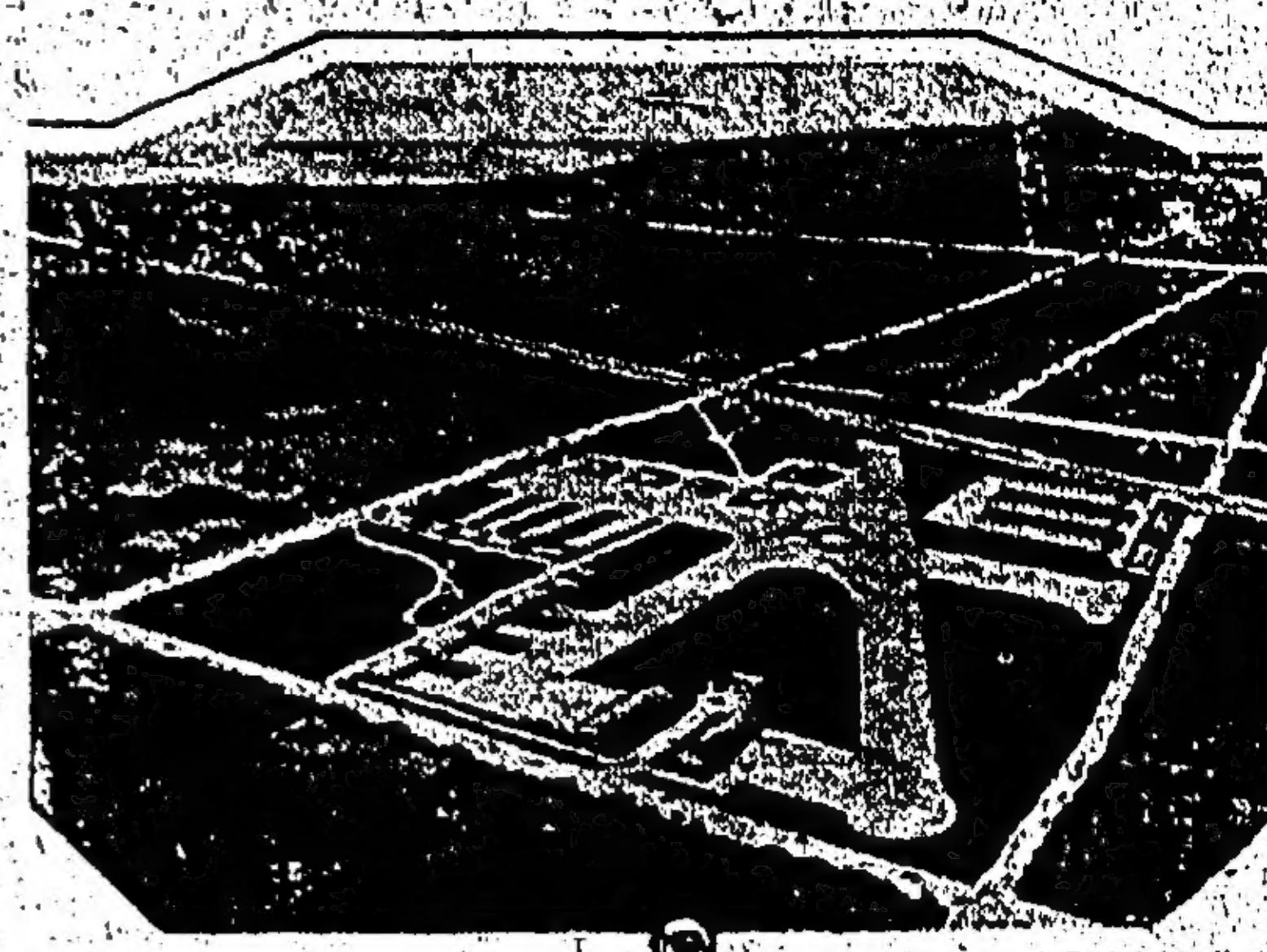
Of all classes in the industry the dealers will suffer the most. As the result of the record production they have had a hard year and prior to the stock market collapse most of them carried large stocks of new cars. Under normal conditions it is doubtful if the profits of any of them would have equalled those of 1929.

The purchasing power of potential buyers of new cars has been reduced by the general slump, particularly in the case of buyers of medium-priced cars. Few of the prospective buyers of high price cars will be effected seriously enough to prohibit their purchasing the car of their choice. But the middle classes, who usually are the buyers of medium-priced cars are now unable to afford a car at all, or also will purchase a car in the low-price range.

Manufacturers of the medium-price class include some of the financially weaker concerns in the industry, and those which would therefore be hit harder by the slump. In times of stress the larger companies usually command more confidence and attention of buyers.

The dealers who held only small stocks are also obviously affected owing to the elimination of many potential buyers by market losses. The general reduction of purchasing power is hard to arrive at but it will be of great concern to the dealer in new cars, and ultimately to the manufacturer.

## LOS ANGELES AIR PORT.



Sketch of the new United Airport at Burbank, Calif.

Los Angeles.—Evidence of the rapid growth of aviation is the equally rapid growth and development of airports. A few years ago an airport was any flat field, practically free from stumps and ditches, on which a plane could land with safety.

But with the progress of aviation into the field of passenger carrying, mail transportation and express delivery, the modern airport has made provisions for such developments of aviation and has advanced far in the past few years. The result of this airport development is the reason that American cities this year are expected to spend more than \$200,000,000 in purchasing land for airports and improving existing ones.

An example of this activity is shown in the United Airport just opened at Burbank, near here. This field covers 240 acres and represents an initial cost of more than \$1,500,000. It is complete in every detail. It is designed as a class A-1-A airport, the highest

rating given by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

It's a six-way field, has 300-foot macadamized runways, averaging 4,000 feet in length. On the field space is provided for air transport lines, manufacturing plants, two of which are already located; and public and private hangars, including one where individuals put up their plane in separate stalls and walk away, taking a key with them. In addition, there is room for sales rooms, distributors' hangars, service companies, flying schools and allied activities.

The airport is dustless; that part which is not macadamized is planted in grass. And as part of the airport development, the city is planning a 40-acre park.

The architecture, blending with the rest of construction in southern California, is of Spanish type. Power lines are underground, and other obstacles on the outskirts and immediate vicinity of the airport have been removed through co-operation of surrounding landowners.

## VINDICATED.

## Truck Drivers Safer.

Tests made by the Massachusetts motor vehicle department show that truck drivers are much less irresponsible than drivers of passenger cars.

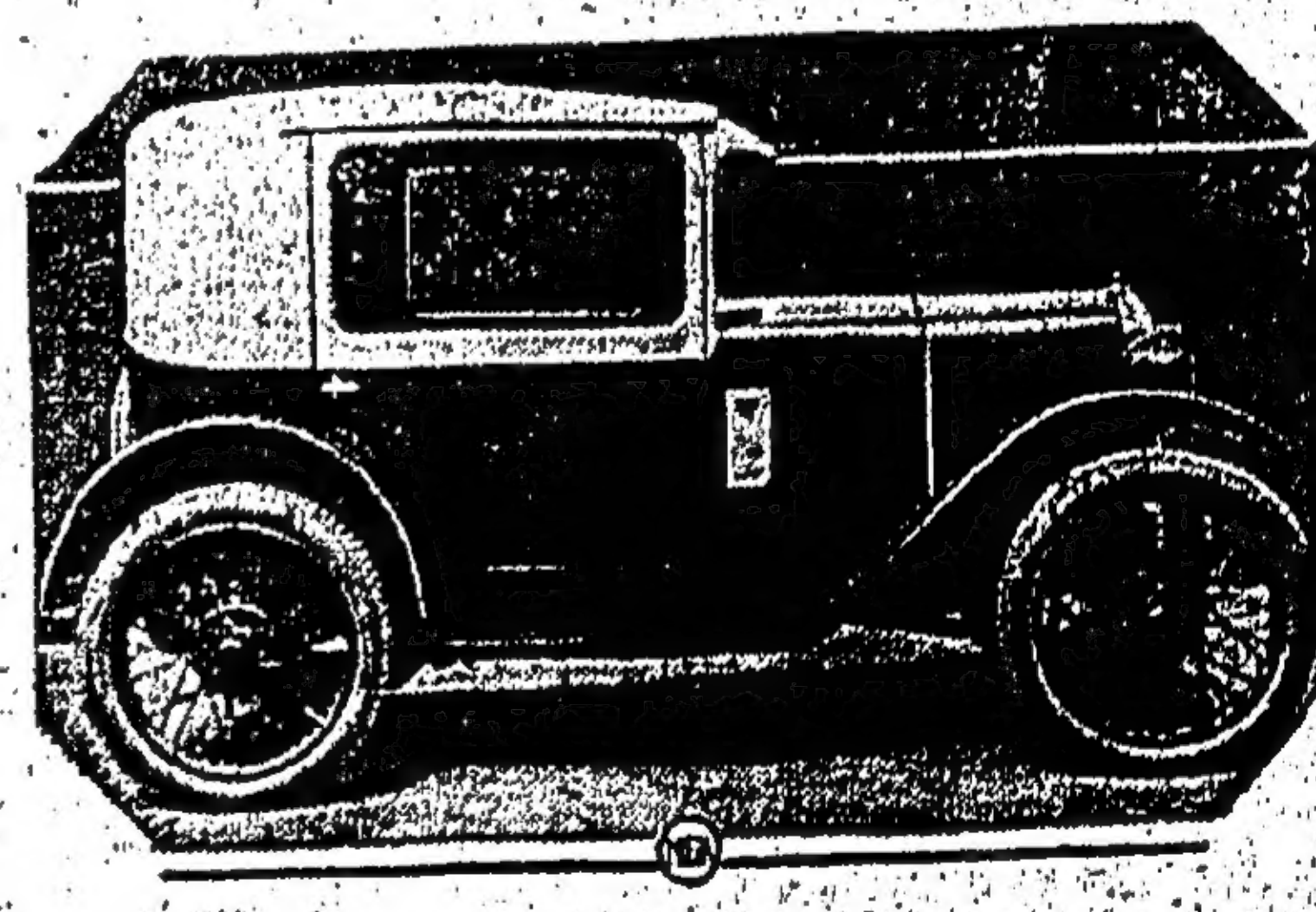
The tests proved that truck drivers act twice as fast in emergencies than the average car pilot, and have a better safety record,

## OPEN FOR SALES.

More than 65,800 potential sales for new cars were made in Pennsylvania this year when owners in that state scrapped many old cars.

while their trucks cover more mileage in congested areas where the risk of accident is much more imminent.

## THE AMERICANISED AUSTIN.



The English Austin... not like the American product in looks.

New York, Jan. 6th.—Duplicating its English mate only in mechanical features, but introduced as purely an American automobile in body design and manufacture, the Austin automobile makes its first private appearance here to-day.

Next March or April American motorists will have an opportunity to try it out on the road, say manufacturers.

Although three-fourths as large as the smallest existing American car, the Austin is not one of those \$250 mail order automobiles about which so much has been written, the manufacturers hasten to explain. Instead it will cost around \$400 for which the motorist will obtain a sturdily built product.

The builders point to some of the car's specifications to prove this contention. For instance, the four cylinder engine, with 2.2 inch bore and 3-inch stroke, the car will attain a speed of 55 miles an hour at a motor speed of 3800 revolutions a minute. With a supercharger and high lift camshaft, it will go 90 miles an hour.

Motor is lubricated by partial pressure oil pump, and has a thermo-siphon cooling system. A feature is the roller-bearing crankshaft and ball-bearing trans-

mission of standard shift. A single plate clutch is used.

Semi-elliptic springs in front and cantilever springs in rear are aided by shock absorbers all around. Four wheel internal expanding brakes are used; with emergency brake also operating on all four wheels. Tyres are balloon cords.

The whole car will weigh only 1000 pounds, and will be built on a wheelbase of 75 inches and tread of 40 inches.

These are almost exactly the specifications of the English Austin; but the big difference is in the body. The American car takes on American lines throughout and could not be recognized as a brother of the English car. Yet it has the power and economic features of the English Austin.

Its builders say the American Austin will go between 40 and 50 miles on a gallon of fuel, and 1500 miles on a quart of oil. Its operating cost is said to be about one cent a mile, as compared with about six cents for the present small American car.

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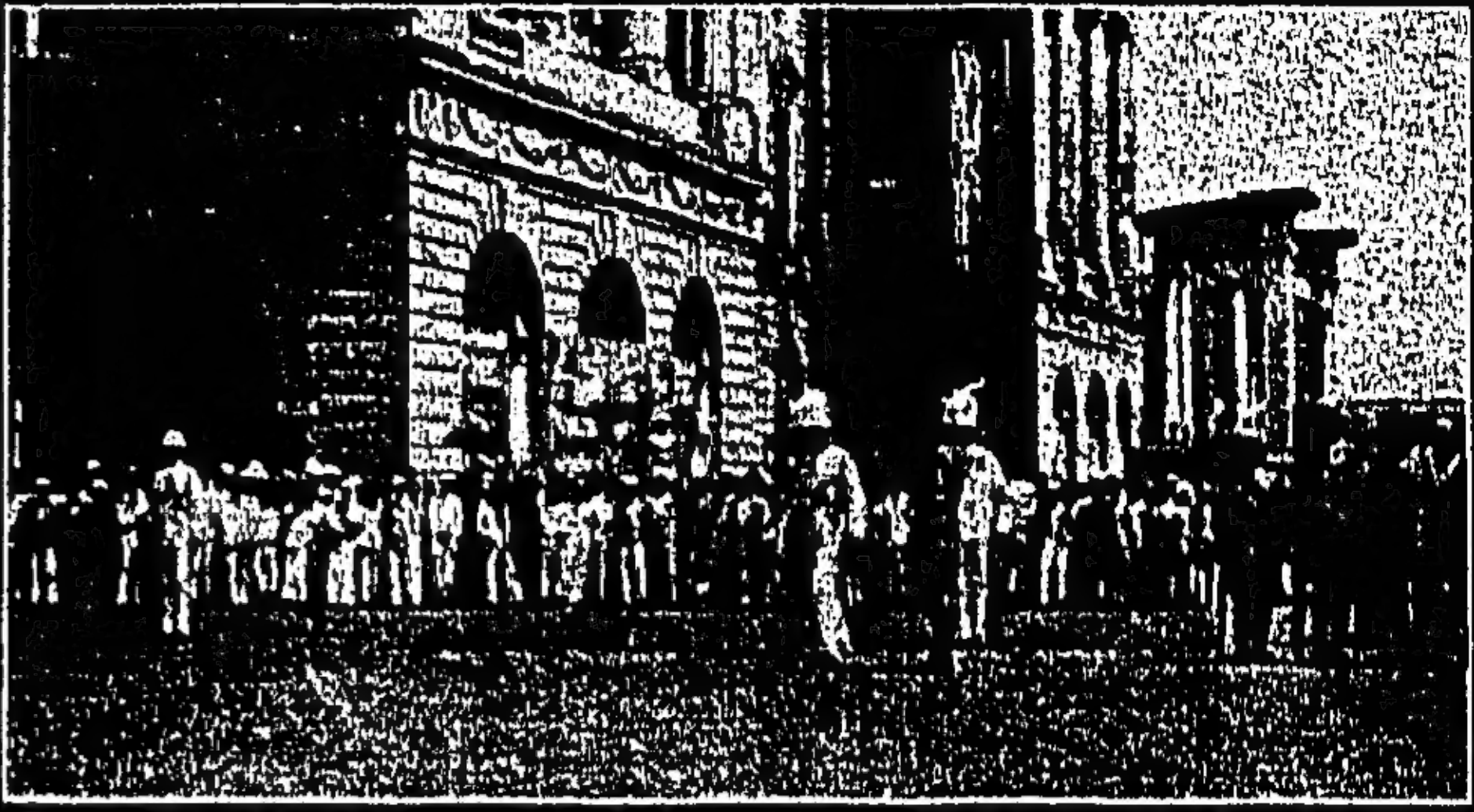
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Official photograph taken on the arrival of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi at Government House, Singapore. In front row, left to right, are seen the Hon. Mr. John Scott (Colonial Secretary), H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, Lady Clementi and Mrs. John Scott. Captain Sillitoe is seen on left, back row.



Left, Sir Cecil Clementi with Major General Pritchard on landing at Singapore; above, His Excellency's arrival at the Legislative Council Chamber.

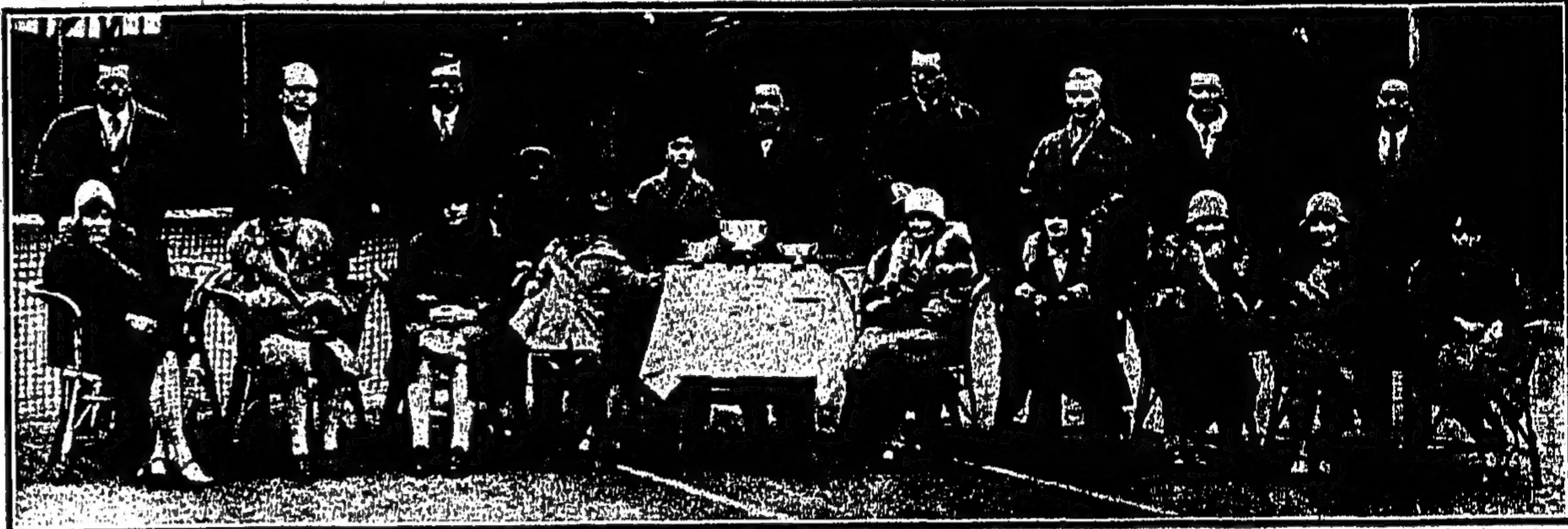


Photo taken on the courts of the Chinese Citizens' Athletic Association at Canton on the occasion of the presentation of the Madame Wong So Cup for the mixed doubles championship, won by Mr. A. T. Lay and Mrs. G. S. Moss. The group includes General and Madame Wong So, Mr. G. S. Moss, until recently Consul in Canton; Mr. G. W. Greene, President of the Canton Tennis League; and Mr. Wong Po-keung.



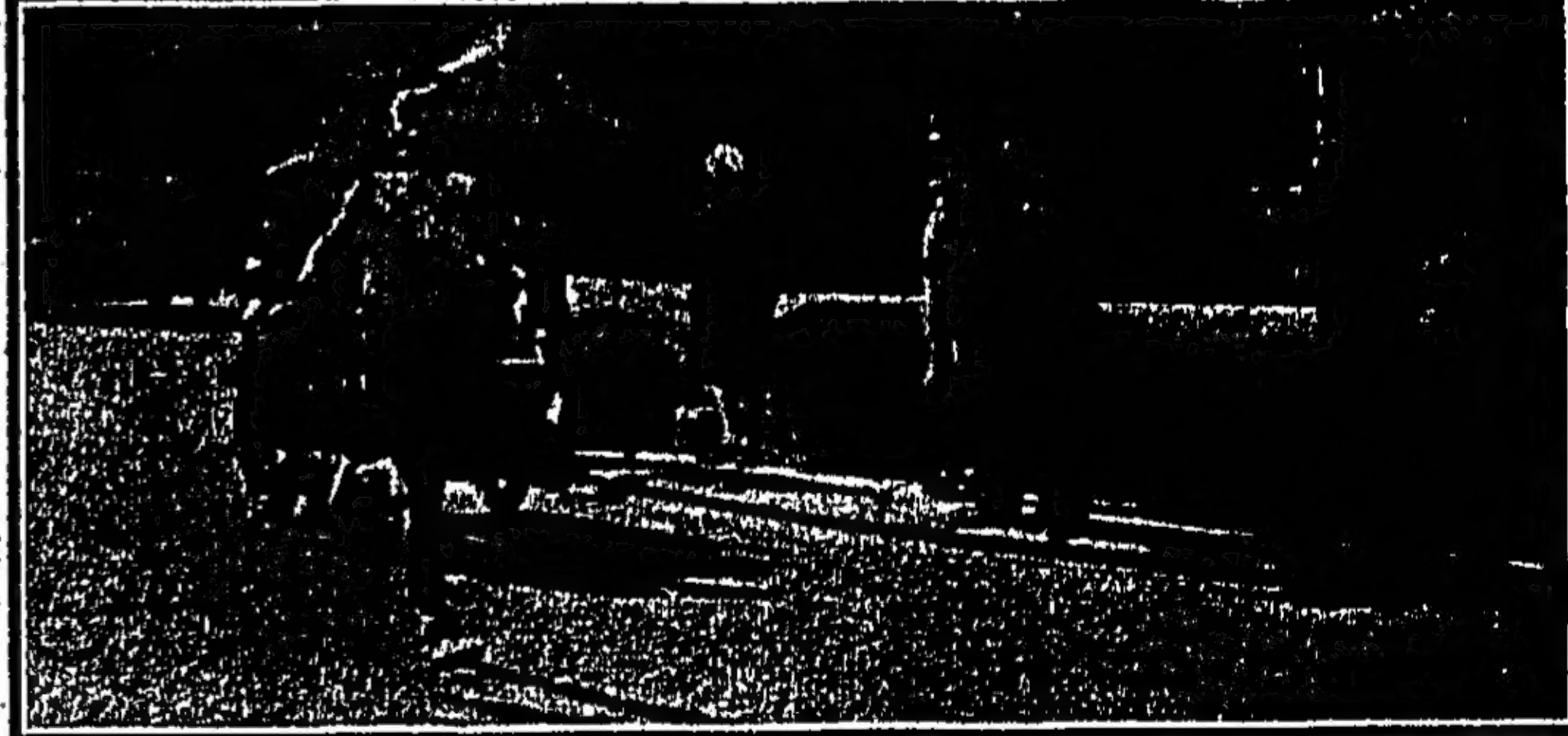
The Hongkong Football Club drew with the Navy in the Rugby match which took place at Happy Valley on Friday of last week. Above is a good action picture taken during the match. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The grown-ups had a jolly time at the China Light and Power Company's Sports. Some of them are seen above in the egg-and-spoon race. (Photo: Mee Cheung).



The principal winners in last Saturday's Marathon. Left to right:—Bugler J. P. White, S.L.I. (1st), Sepoy Sohan, 3/15th Punjab (2nd), Pto. Gear, K.O.S.B. (3rd). (Photo: Mee Cheung).



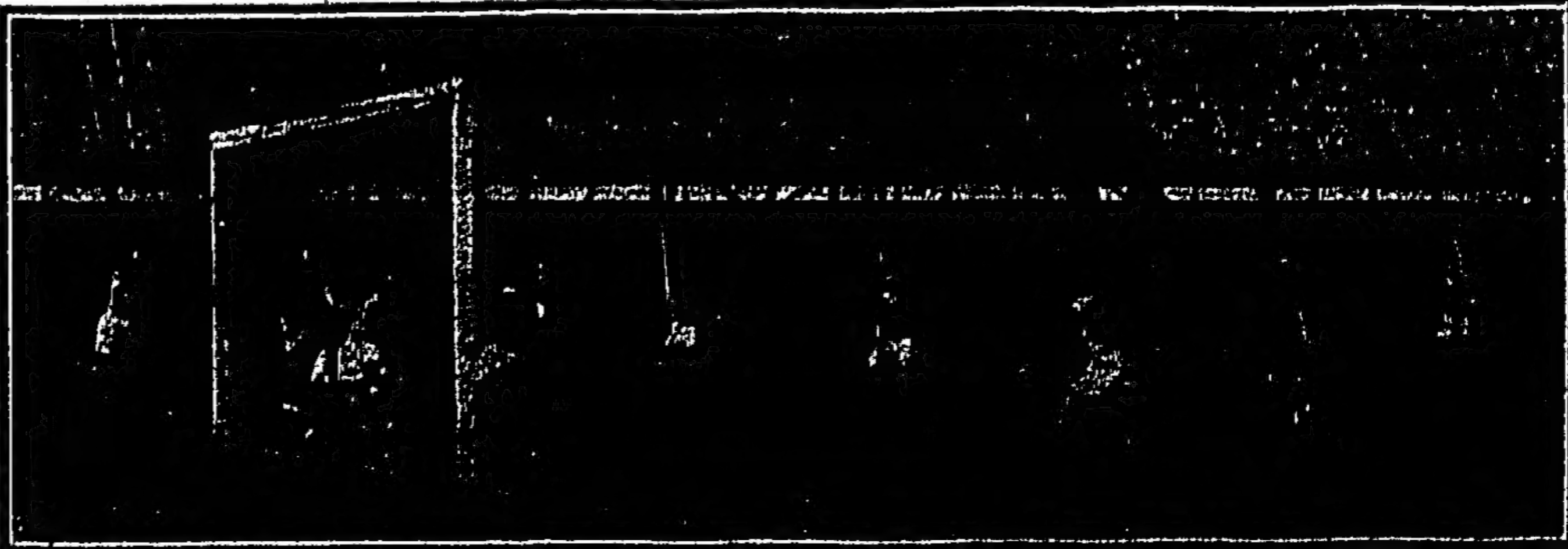
Above are seen two of the British competitors in the Hongkong Marathon finishing their long-run near the University on Saturday last. (Photos: Mee Cheung).



His Majesty the King is here shown making the opening speech at the Five-Power Naval Disarmament Conference from the golden throne in the gallery of the House of Lords. It was his first public utterance since his illness of fifteen months previously. (Photo: Central News).



The above picture shows youngsters enjoying themselves in a race at the China Light and Power Company's sports at King's Park on Sunday last. The Meeting was a great success. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

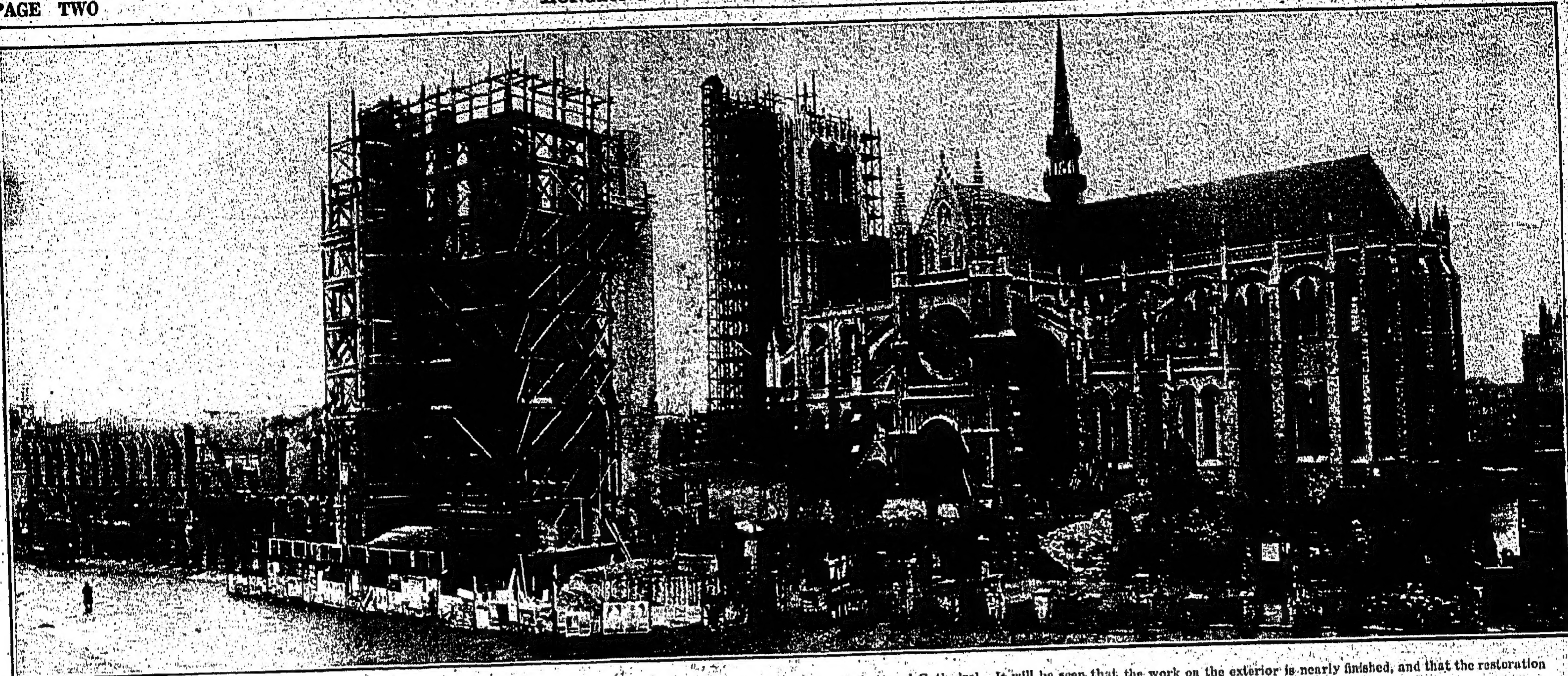


An exciting incident in the Chinese Athletic goal-mouth during an attack by Somerset forwards in their Shield match last Saturday. The result was a draw, of one goal each, after extra time had been played. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

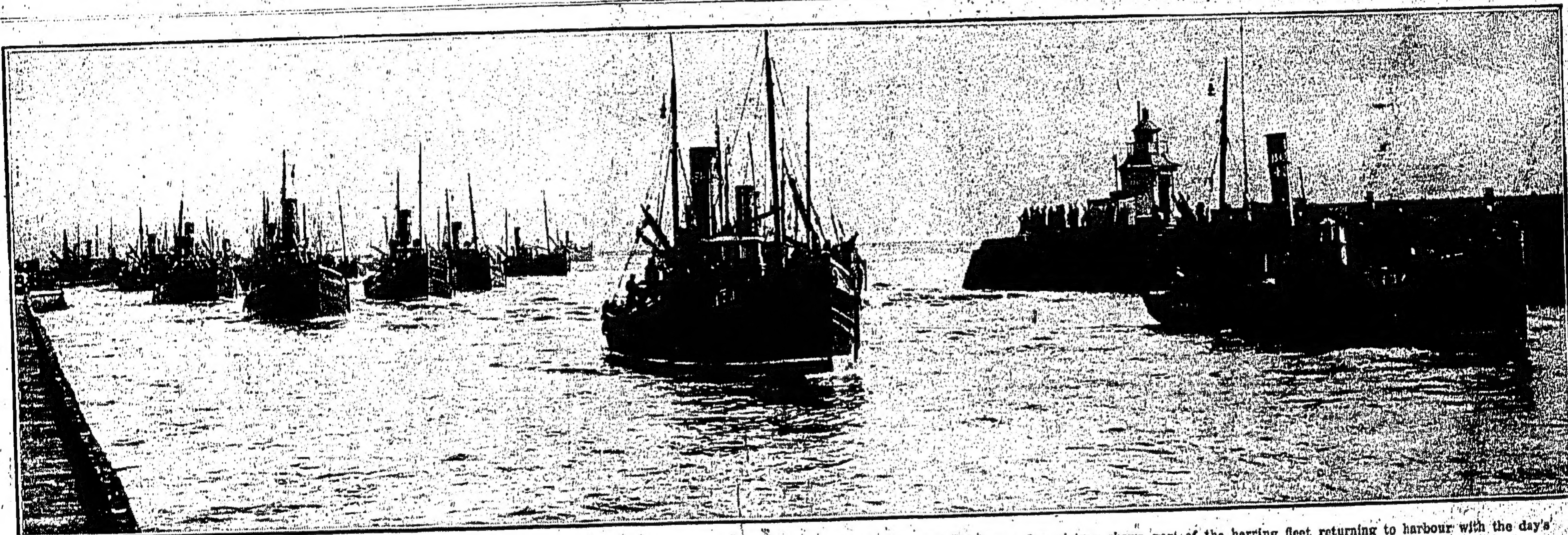


W. Skelton and Yang Tsin-chung, who won the first and second prizes respectively for members of the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club in the Marathon. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

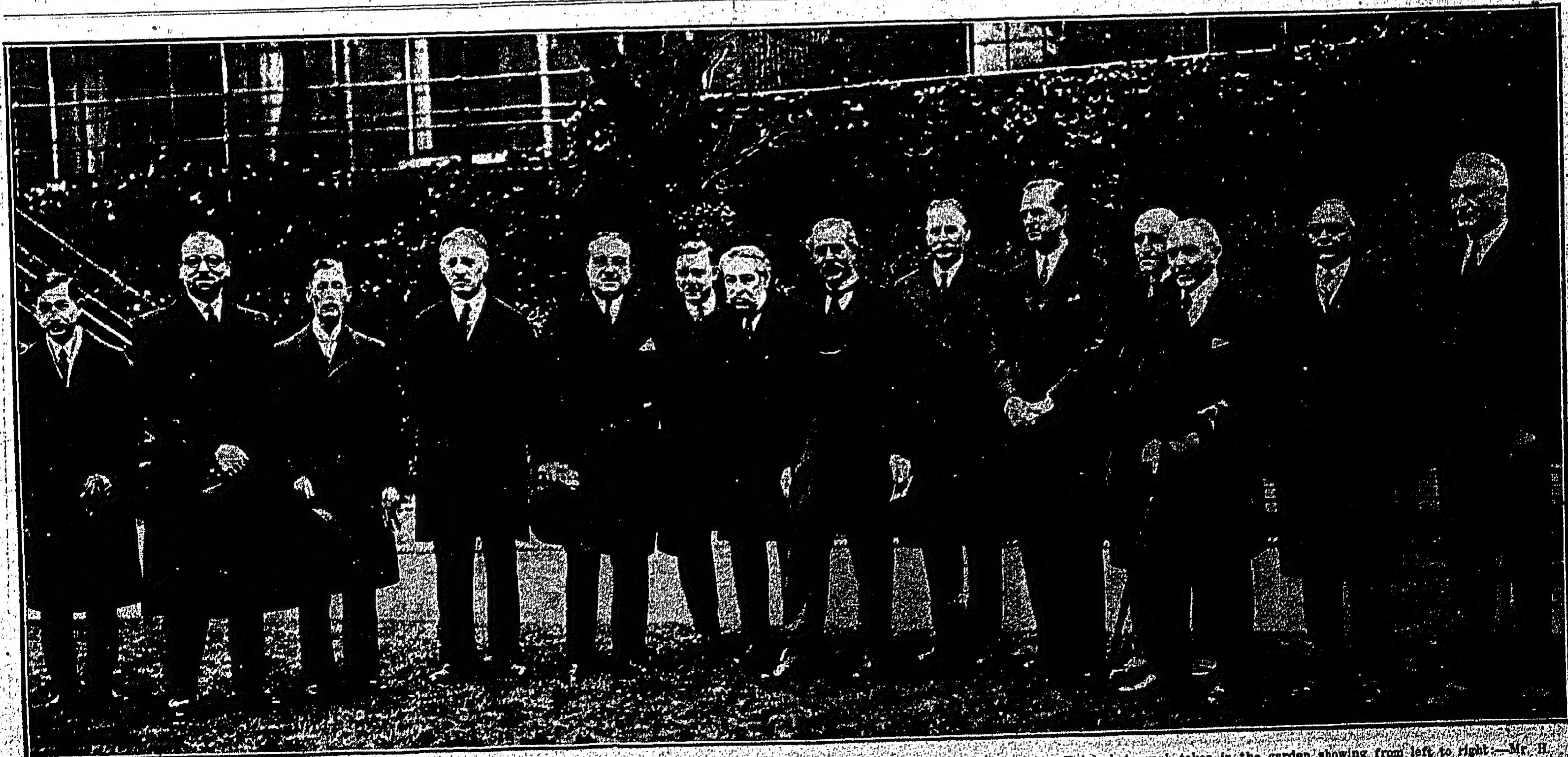




A new photograph of the Grand Place at Ypres, showing the progress that has been made in the restoration of the war-battered Cathedral. It will be seen that the work on the exterior is nearly finished, and that the restoration of the tower of the Cloth Hall has been begun. (Times copyright).



During the Yarmouth herring season, which is now in progress, the local fishing fleet is much augmented, particularly by Scottish drifters. Our picture shows part of the herring fleet returning to harbour with the day's catch. Though the season started badly, landings later were very satisfactory. (Times copyright).



The principal delegates to the Naval Conference when received by the Prime Minister (Mr. Ramsay MacDonald) at No. 10 Downing Street. An official photograph taken in the garden showing from left to right—Mr. H. Salto (Japan), Signor Grandi (Italy), Mr. Wakatsuki (Japan), Mr. Simson (United States), M. M. Tardieu, Mantoux, and Briand (France), Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. J. E. Fenton (Australia), Mr. C. T. de Water (South Africa), Col. J. L. Ralston (Canada), Professor T. A. Snydder (Irish Free State), Sir Atul Chatterjee (India) and Mr. T. M. Wilford (New Zealand).





I. Bendel imports this Chanel gown of lace which features new diagonal lines in its flounces and novel scarf.



II. Bernard and Company use blue chiffon with floral design for this simple dinner frock.



IV. Lucien Lelong features an exaggerated flair in the black velvet coat of this white satin pajama suit.



III. this felt hat of soft green from Madame Jane Blanchot has a Dutch bonnet effect.

# Soft Styles for Spring

Fashion puts down the revolution in dress, and clothes for the new season demonstrate an easy grace free from all erratic lines

V. over this green and black crepe, Poiret places a black cloth coat which has a novel collar.



VI. from Worth comes this soft Alice blue gown patterned with white lace flounce.

AFTER a winter of doubt, fashion now emerges into a spring of promise. The ground is surer under foot and womankind knows definitely the road, though the destination may be a bit vague.

The quest for the feminine and graceful, and the reaction from straight lines and boyish figures, may lead back to corsets and trains, or it may not. But obviously, styles have changed their course.

While evening skirts are long, those for day are not unpleasantly so, unless you wish to be extreme. And the hemline for day is not so erratic as it was last fall. Often it is quite even, and always it has grace and softness.

THE high waistline is not so arbitrary as it started out to be. The slender woman can revel in the accented small waistline, but the mature woman has learned the folly of emphasizing the too rounded waist. She conceals the line by well cut and very smart boleros, by simulated double and triple belts, and in many cases by just defying the mode and keeping the waistline low.

The outstanding characteristic of the spring mode is its softness and ease. There are no harsh lines, no abrupt transitions, and severe tailored effects have vanished completely from the picture.

IN chiffon and silk frocks there are delightful variations of the scarf collar, the clever use of bows and ties, and the smartest of lingerie touches.

Practically every costume for street has its jacket or its long coat, and these wraps are as graceful as those for evening. Materials, too, are as feminine and as delicate as the most modern weavers can make them.

EVEN the colors are more feminine than before—deep and midnight blues have given way to a lighter tone. Reds have compromised with the rose tints so that the purplish, agonized reds are not in evidence. The new shades of pink are enchanting, and greens were never so wearable.

But it is well to remember that black and white, and combinations of these two, are the ultra smart woman's choice for spring and summer.

Illustrated today are some of the newest Paris im-

portations, that show plainly how styles are tending.

I. THIS Chanel inspiration, imported by Bendel, shows the way lace is being used at the moment. The diagonal lines of the flounces are most becoming, and the scarf arrangement is positively inspirational, achieving at once a modified bolero effect and the smart new cap sleeves.

II. BERNARD & CO. have designed this frock for the "jeune fille," as they call the young girl in Paris. The material is a navy blue chiffon with all the gay, fresh colors introduced in the floral design. The line is princess and fits snugly over the hips. A charming note is the scarf, attached at the back of the square decollete, with the long cloud-like ends that may float to the winds, or be tied in a discreet bow.

III. JANE BLANCHOT has created this new hat which features a unique, Dutch bonnet effect with wide sides and a pointed front, giving a most coquettish effect. The material is soft green felt.

IV. LELONG'S new pajama suit emphasizes feminine appeal in the elaborately cuffed sleeves and the exaggerated flare of the coat. You cannot see, alas, the wide bell-shaped hem of the trousers, but it is there. The outfit combines white satin, and a jacket of the sheerest black chiffon with polka dots of varying sizes, sprinkled casually and plentifully about.

V. THIS Poiret ensemble features a soft, and beautifully cut coat of black wool and a dress of black crepe, printed and bordered with green.

VI. THIS lovely evening gown from Worth, which fairly breathes charm, is made of Alice blue chiffon patterned in white, with a deep, blue lace flounce of the same color and pattern. The offer simplicity of the bodice, with the wide straps over the shoulder and the soft cape in the back and the slim, youthful silhouette make it a distinctive gown in any season.





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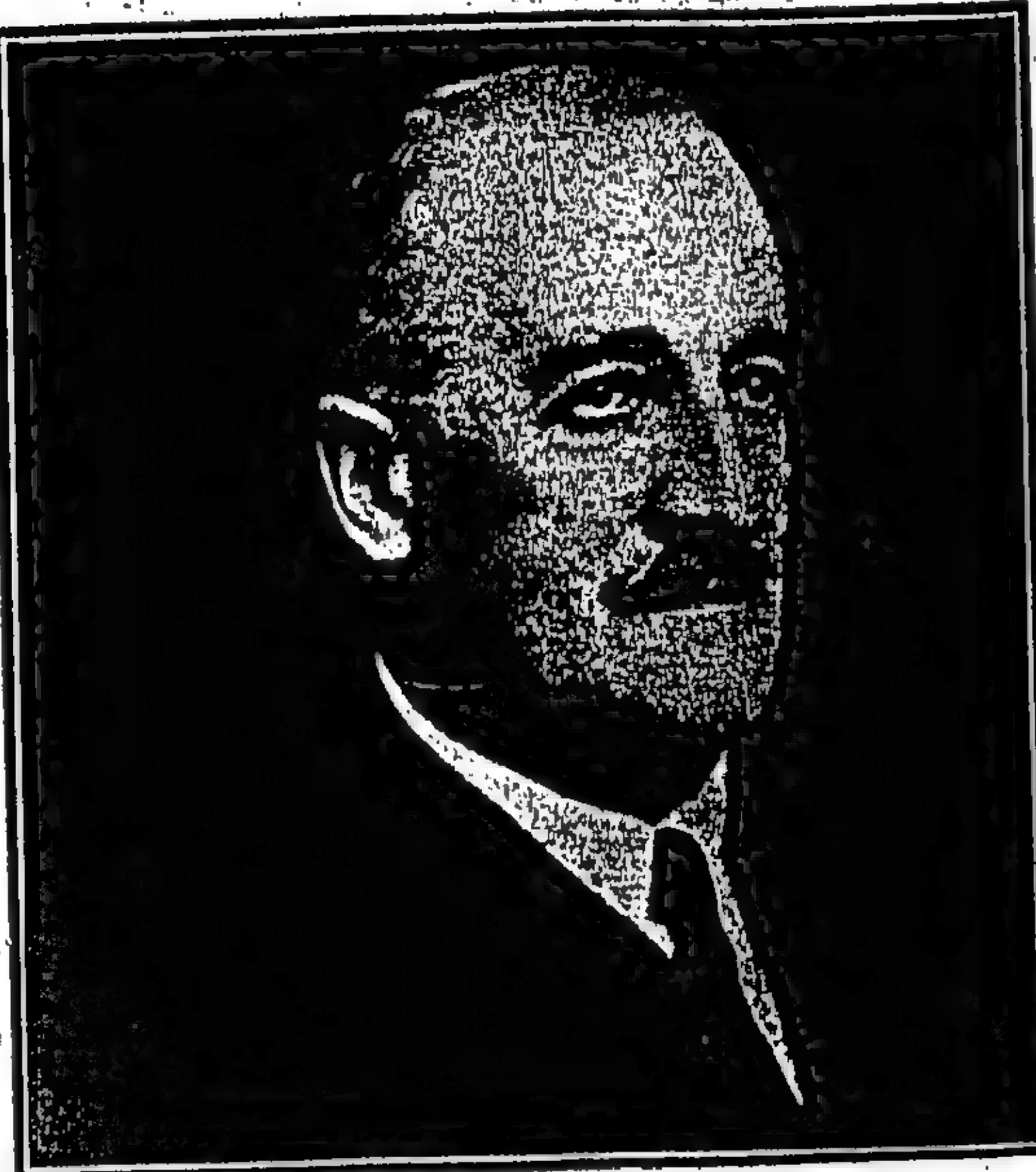
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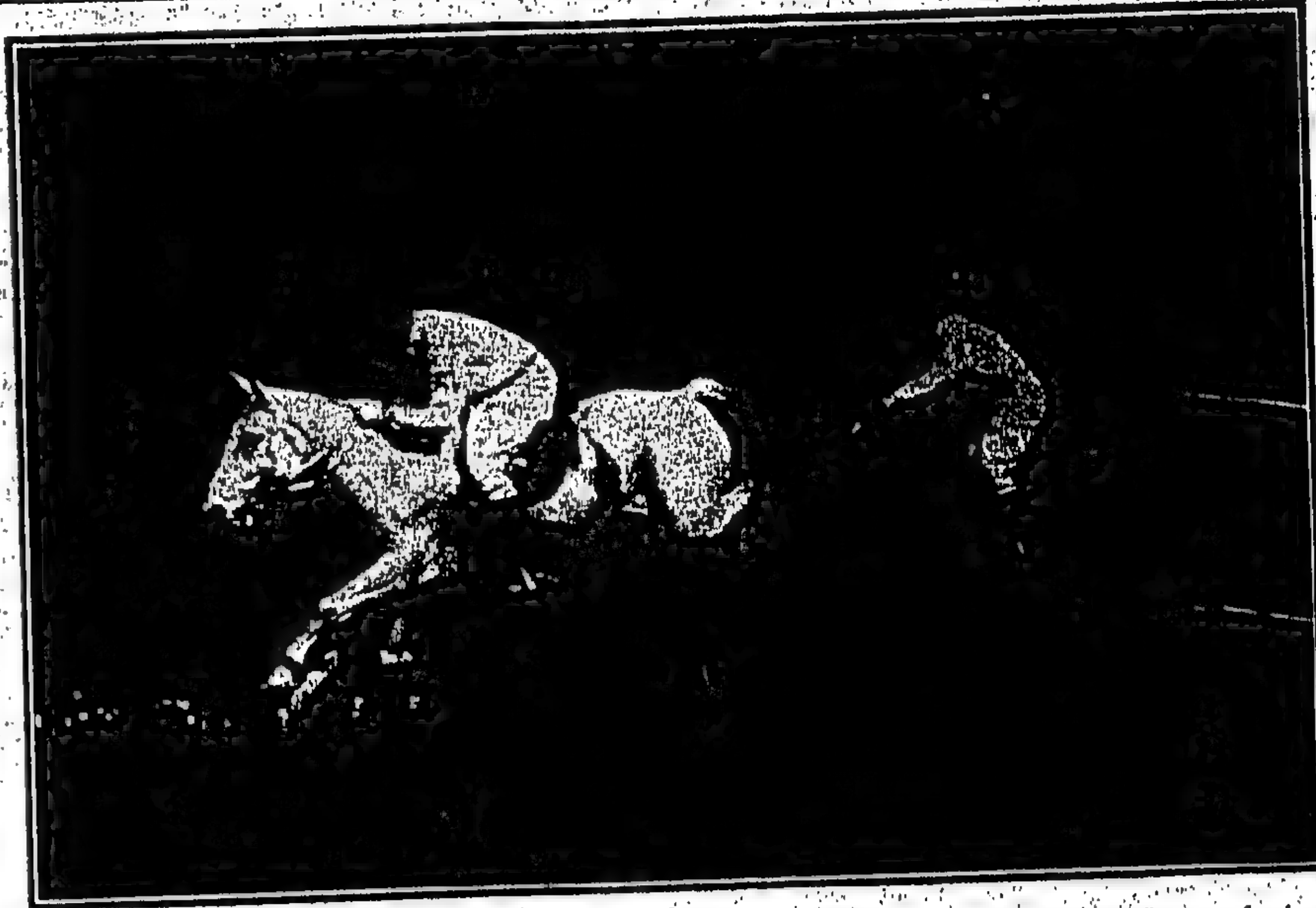
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His Excellency Sir William Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., the Governor-Designate of Hongkong, who is due to arrive in the Colony on May 7th to assume the duties of his new post.



An excellent action picture, showing two of the riders taking the hurdles at Canton during the Interport events last Sunday.



Competitors from Hongkong who took part in the Interport event between the Canton Ride and the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at Canton last Sunday.



Here are the Canton riders who won against Hongkong in the Interport Meeting held last Sunday. They secured victory by the narrow margin of three points.



Above is seen Mr. G. Hardt, winner of the Lightweight event at Canton, with Westlake, a clever little pony.



Yet another picture taken during the Interport Meeting at Canton last Sunday. It shows one of the competitors nicely taking the hurdles.



General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, in riding breeches, is here seen at the Canton Interport meet.



Here are seen some of the stewards at the Canton Interport riding events, awaiting the arrival of the winners. On extreme right will be noticed Mr. E. M. Hazeland, of Hongkong.



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## SILVER NOT LIKELY TO RECOVER.

## BANK CHAIRMAN'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE.

## FALL IN BRITISH EXPORTS TO EAST MAY CONTINUE.

## LITTLE OPTIMISM FELT.

"With conditions as they are in China, one looks in vain for any probable source of a consumptive demand of sufficient strength and endurance to effect an appreciable recovery in prices," said the Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation when referring to the silver position in the course of his speech at the annual meeting held in the City Hall this morning.

Referring to the Colony's currency, he said that 20 million silver dollars had been put into circulation and the further import of silver dollars was to be deprecated. The increase in the Bank's note circulation had been rendered possible by the Government making a concession in regard to the taxation of the issue.

As usual, the Chairman made a comprehensive review of trading conditions in the Far East and showed that in the past twelve months China had made comparatively little progress. Dealing with trade in the Far East, he said it was to be feared that the marked falling off in British exports to the East, dating from last October, may yet continue.

## COLONY'S CURRENCY POSITION.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman (Mr. W. H. Boll) said: Ladies and Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

The net profits for the year amount to \$14,148,209.57 as compared with \$13,430,051.61 for 1929—a return to approximately our earlier level of profits as calculated in silver. This would be satisfactory were it not for the heavy fall in the rate of conversion from silver to gold—corresponding to a fall in exchange of just under 25% between the opening and closing of the year—which substantially diminishes the sum available for our dividend in sterling.

In addition, the Bank has suffered heavy losses from frauds perpetrated in more than one country for which, however, I am glad to tell you full provision has been made. It is for these reasons that—nowwithstanding the good record made by the Bank in a year of serious trade depression—your Directors have thought it prudent to make the reduction of bonus, the possibility of which was adumbrated in the Chairman's speech last year. A conservative policy of management is particularly necessary in the case of a Bank and I trust that you will concur in the Board's decision and approve their recommendation in regard to the allocation of profits.

As shown in the Profit and Loss Account, the amount available after deducting the interim dividend and Directors' remuneration is \$12,514,400.84 and the allocation proposed is as follows:

A final dividend of 23 per share with bonus of 1 per share (subject to Income Tax deduction) \$7,876,923.08.

Transfer to Bank Premises Account \$750,000.00.

Transfer to Silver Reserve Account \$500,000.00.

Balance carried forward to the new Account \$3,387,477.76. Total \$12,514,400.84.

Following the example of three years ago we have made a transfer from Silver to Sterling reserve, your Directors considering it advisable to build up the latter in view of the uncertainty in regard to silver prices. The amount, as shown in the Report, is \$5 millions converted at 2/—.

**Slack Eastern Trade.**

As regards the Balance Sheet figures, I will only remark that the slackness of the Eastern trade is evidenced in the increased under headings of Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits, while the cash increase, attributable wholly to Shanghai, also reflects the disturbed trade conditions which have had the effect of restricting circulation of silver. Our investments stand at well under market quotations.

The increase of \$16 1/2 millions in our Head Office note issue is related to Hongkong's currency difficulties of the past year. During the first nine months the Hongkong exchange fell to respond to the drop in the price of silver, and in Shanghai exchange, and the notes of the three Banks in Hongkong (on the basis of which all business had for long been conducted following a mutual arrangement among the Banks of many years ago)

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"By a curious coincidence the Shanghai exchange touched the top and bottom limits on the first and last days of the year respectively. The mine production of silver for 1929 is computed at 276 millions of standard ounces which, added to 60 millions from outside sources, gives a total of 336 millions—an increase of 12 millions over the previous year. China's estimated consumption was 143 millions and India's 70 millions, corresponding respectively to 141 and 110 millions in 1928. China thus again achieved a record.

The trading conditions of last year in India and the Far East have, as I have already mentioned, been none too favourable. In the first place, China failed to realize the promise of the previous year and relapsed into civil warfare; famine and brigandage played their familiar roles and a further misfortune was added in the fall of the silver currency. This accumulation of evils effectively destroyed any chance of trade expansion and I think we may reckon it fortunate that there has not been a more appreciable decline.

The raising of the tariff in February had little apparent effect on the volume of import trade which was well maintained during the first few months of the year. As the year progressed, however, the various hindrances to commerce became increasingly felt. Wars and disorders in the provinces together with the drop in exchange checked the demand for imports, while exports fell away under the burden of military taxation and difficulties of transport. In the interim came the disturbance of the foreign markets resulting from the crash on the New York Stock Exchange, and the end of the year found business in China at an unusually low ebb with little prospect of an early turn of the tide.

### Trade in China.

Taking the staple imports, foreign cotton manufactures have had to compete with a substantial increase of output from the local mills. The raising of the Japanese boycott also brought a flood of Japanese cotton goods on to the market, making competition extremely difficult for British manufacturers. The trade in woollens was dull in spite of lower prices. The engineering business showed welcome signs of recovery from a long period of stagnation, thanks largely to the quickening of industrial development on the Yangtze and to greater activity in the sphere of public works.

There was an increased importation of railway material, including engines and rolling-stock, a considerable demand for aircraft for both military and commercial use and a good market for motor vehicles corresponding to the rapid extension of motor roads in most provinces of China. British products, I may add, were fairly well represented in the supply of industrial machinery, only moderately so in regard to railway requirements and very slightly in the case of the motor trade.

### Customs Returns.

The Customs returns for the year show a gross revenue of Taels 152 millions against 152 millions in 1929. Reckoned in silver this represents an increase of 85%; reckoned in gold 68%; in this connexion I may add that, under the new tariff, the proportion of Customs revenue required for the foreign loans and indemnities at current rates of exchange is considerably less than on the old basis.

### The Colony's Affairs.

Of the affairs of this Colony there is little to say except that, in addition to the currency difficulties already mentioned, we have suffered the inevitable reaction from the renewal of civil war in the two Kwang provinces and other parts of China. The conditions for trading are very similar to those applying to China, I will refrain from treating them separately.

With an excess of supply over demand the Silver Market has trended steadily downward throughout the year owing principally to a falling off in Indian demand. Continental sales of silver, presumably released when French Indo-China decided upon the transfer of their currency to a gold basis, an operation which they have now virtually accomplished, and, finally, a continuance of sales by the Indian Government.

As regards this last it is reasonable to suppose that in future, with the Reddery now working in Bombay, surplus coin in the Silver Reserve will generally be refined and sold locally as opportunity offers, thus narrowing the outlet for the world's production. The increase in the Reserve is a weight on the silver market and with conditions as they are in China one looks in vain for any probable source of a consumptive demand of sufficient strength and endurance to effect an appreciable recovery in prices. As I have said, our local requirements in Hongkong are bound to prove limited.

### Silver Prices.

The extreme quotations of the year for the price of silver were as follows:—highest: 20.7/16d., lowest: 21.5/16d., per standard ounce, which constituted a low record for the metal; (since then there has been a further decline). The quotations for Shanghai exchange were:—highest: 21.7/16d., lowest: 21.2/16d., per

lines. The construction of 600 miles of railway track Manchuria during the last three years is a fact worthy of notice.

Coastal shipping has had a difficult year and again met with tragic experience at the hands of pirates. Foreign navigation on the Yangtze passed an uneventful year, the effect of reduced volume of trade being partly offset by Government commencing of native vessels for military transport.

In India the past year cannot be ranked as very prosperous period, the trade of the country having shown a decided tendency to sag. The jute and gunny markets, two of the most important, have suffered from lower prices than had been seen for several years. The tea industry also saw a steady drop in values due to increased crops and the existence of unusually heavy storages in the United Kingdom. The last monsoon was a fair one and should improve the position in regard to foodstuffs. Native manufactures have been favoured by better relations between employers and labour.

### Japan's Improvement.

Japan's trade for 1929 showed a marked improvement over the low level of 1928. Exports showed a large increase and the adverse trade balance for the year, standing at Yen 67.1/2 millions, is the lowest for ten years. The few Governments which took office about the middle of the year set itself strenuously to appreciate the value of the Yen in preparation for restoring the currency to a gold basis. With the help of credits opened abroad—to which this Bank contributed as a member of a London banking syndicate—this was accomplished on January 11th when the embargo on the export of gold was removed. The rise in the exchange value of the Yen had the immediate result of depressing home prices and restricting commerce and industry.

These sacrifices, consequent on the delicate operation of restoring credit by artificial measures, are, of course, inevitable, and though every effort will no doubt be made to minimize the effect, we must look forward to some continuance of the deflationary policy. From a fairly promising start trade conditions in the Straits Settlements and Malaya deteriorated through the year and finished at a disappointingly low level. A notable increase in the world's consumption of rubber was outstripped by the increase in production and export, and prices receded in the latter half of the year to about the level of the first quarter. The industry presented similar features. The import trade showed a corresponding decline and was very dull in the second part of the year.

### An Overcast Outlook.

Although trade in the Philippine Islands suffered from the effects of world over-production of sugar as well as of the devastating typhoons of the previous year, general conditions are by no means unsatisfactory. Considerable developments in the taking of private enterprise and in the form of Government works such as new roads and bridges. This fundamental improvement in the economic state of the Islands reflects itself in the budget surplus which the year is expected to produce.

Next year's outlook for trade between Great Britain and the Far East generally is somewhat overcast. The heavy fall in values consequent on the Wall Street collapse and inflated money conditions are without doubt affecting manufacturers and restricting their purchases of raw material. This will be heavily on firms handling Far Eastern produce such as rubber, tin, hemp, sugar and China goods generally, making it difficult to market the steadily increasing production. Unfortunately, British textile exporters generally have been correspondingly hit. Handicapped by high cost of production, they are condemned to see the market supplied by the cheaper products of Japanese mills and of domestic output in India and the Far East. The drop in silver currencies has also adversely affected the demand for British manufactures, especially cotton, woolen and artificial silk fabrics, and it is to be feared that the marked falling-off in British exports to the East, dating from last October, may yet continue.

This is especially the case in regard to Tientsin which found itself starved of cargo from up-country owing to the political unrest and also suffered for the first half year from the un-navigable state of the river which connects it with the sea. The Manchurian figures reflect the disastrous effect of the Sino-Russian dispute and the interruption of the Chinese Eastern Railway which, besides increasing freight rates, upset the economic machinery of the country and severely checked all commercial development.

### Shipping Difficulties.

While on the subject of the Customs, let me add a word of recognition of the very successful manner in which the service, under Mr. Maize's guidance, has emerged from the very difficult crisis with which it was faced just over a year ago. In spite of wars and civil commotion the treaty-port revenues have been regularly remitted. We have evidence, too, of the maintained prestige of the foreign administration in the fact that the Government have transferred to Mr. Maize's hands the control of important Native Customs establishments in several provinces.

Railway communications, to which I shall again refer later, have shown some slight improvement over the conditions of the previous year, but military interference has prevented or crippled traffic on nearly all main

The year opened with the Disbandment Conference in session at Nanking. The hopes which attended this first "round table" of the military chiefs were however, doomed to be short-lived. Within a couple of months, and before a start had been made to apply the Conference plans for demobilization, the country had slipped back to a state of civil strife.

A quarrel arose between the Central Government and the Wuhan military group centred at Hankow. By the end of March it had flared into active warfare—the first renewal of fighting since the establishment of the National Government. The revolt was quelled on the Yangtze before the end of April, but fighting dragged on in the southern provinces, especially round Canton, into the month of June.

### Fresh Breach of Peace.

In the meantime at Nanking an important political milestone had been passed, namely the holding of the Third National Congress of the Kuomintang. The result of the Congress was to confirm the central power in the hands of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his colleagues, leaving the membership of the Central Executive Council the supreme authority in the country substantially unchanged.

Before the country had had time to settle down from the Wuhan revolt, a fresh breach of the peace occurred. In the middle of May, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, at the head of the Kuomintang, challenged the Nanking Government, withdrawing his army into the western provinces and destroying railways along his line of retreat.

He was officially declared a rebel and by the end of the month war was again raging in China. The state funeral of Dr. Sun Yat-sen—which took place with great ceremony on June 1st—came at an opportune moment and caused a lull in the fighting. Thereafter Marshal Feng weakened by the defection of two of his leading generals, withdrew from active revolt but his attitude to the Government continued to be such as to leave the situation precarious. A bold effort to reunite the leaders was made by Chiang Kai-shek in the first week of July when he called a conference at Feking. The attempt was partially successful; Marshal Feng again pledged his loyalty and was reinstated and it was agreed to hold another Disbandment Conference.

This second Disbandment Conference, held at Nanking early in August, ended in fresh plans for an all-round reduction of troops and in the issue by Nanking of a further disbandment loan. The results were, unfortunately, negative for after barely three months of peace, war broke out for the third time towards the end of September.

On this occasion Nanking was faced by a revolt from the so-called "Reorganizationists," a group mainly consisting of the political leaders of the left who had been excluded from office, supported by certain military commanders including several of the Kuomintang generals.

At first the rebels were successful. For many weeks fighting proceeded in the central and southern provinces, and the war was at one moment carried almost to the gates of Nanking. The tide turned, however, in favour of Marshal Chiang, who, by the end of the year, had the situation again in hand and averted the threat to the Government.

### Three Crises Survived.

One can thus congratulate the Government on surviving three most serious crises during the course of the year. Whether, in consequence, its position has been strengthened throughout the country as a whole it is very difficult to say. A year ago it was at least possible to hope that the nationalist victory had done away with the old disruptive forces which kept China in turmoil. The events of the last twelve months have proved this hope to be vain and we must, I fear, now reconcile ourselves to a slower, and less dramatic, cure of China's domestic ills.

The sequence of wars has left little room for constructive work and the many excellent programmes of re-organization sponsored by the National Government have made but small progress. Such as they are, I will attempt, however, to review the achievements of the year.

### Nanking's Reforms.

In the sphere, firstly, of politics, the Central Executive Council announced in June the Kuomintang programme for the continued government of the country. In accordance with this programme the system of "political tutelage" is to last till 1938, thus prolonging the government of China by the Kuomintang Party for six years to come.

In the matter of legislation many new laws and sections of codes have been promulgated. The texts appear to be based, in general, on good and up-to-date models. Our own experience in legislation has taught us, however, the great value of independent scrutiny and criticism of draft laws, in order that they may, before acceptance, be moulded into the form best adapted to local conditions and it is perhaps a little unfortunate that the present system of legislation in China provides no opportunity for examination by any other agency than the Central Administration itself. In the manner of their making the new fundamental laws of China, might appear in fact to approximate rather too much to departmental regulations. Turning to national finance, the position is frankly disappointing. In

spite of forcible pleadings by the Chinese bankers and merchants and of clear and outspoken warnings by the Minister of Finance himself, the Government have failed to achieve any of the major reforms which are so urgently needed in order to put the country on a sound financial footing.

The balancing of revenue and expenditure appears no nearer and the spending of the major part of the national income on military expenditure continues as before. There is little or no abatement of the crippling local taxation.

The reorganization of the Central Government's revenue under Mr. T. V. Soong has undoubtedly made advance, but the ensuing increase, including the additional yield from the Customs, has been swallowed up almost entirely by military needs. Future income, meanwhile, has been pledged ever deeper for unproductive loans, issued to the total nominal value of some \$250 millions in the course of the past year.

Notwithstanding the great improvement effected by the creation of independent commissions for the custody and service of the funds pledged for these loans, the result showing in the fact that their price on the market has remained relatively unaffected by political fluctuations.

**Alarm Over Debts.**

Though a special Government Committee has been appointed for debt consolidation, we still await tangible evidence of progress and in the meantime the debts continue to "snowball" in alarming fashion. The Minister of Finance's arrangements for dealing with the arrears of the "Salt" loans has helped to revive confidence among holders of this class of security. Very important category of creditors, namely the purveyors of railway material, some of whom have been waiting for payment for over ten years. This is a very serious matter and I consider it indefensible that a government which disposes of the earnings of railways should withhold payment for the materials used in the rolling-stock in everyday use on the lines, thereby involving private merchants in almost intolerable losses.

We are given to understand that the Ministry of Railways has the matter of debt settlement in hand and we must hope that it will not be long before action is taken to remove the stigma which attaches to the present state of affairs.

### Many Plans But—

As regards the railways themselves, an extension programme of almost staggering magnitude, involving an expenditure of some \$800,000,000, was adopted by the Third National Congress. But when we turn from plans to achievements, the record is hardly impressive. Thanks in considerable part to the use of remitted Boxer indemnities there has been, it is true, a greater replacement of rolling-stock than for good many years past, and the benefit of this will inevitably make itself felt if the lines can be kept free from the plague of military interference.

The "if" however, is a big one. The past year saw little improvement—taking the railways as a whole—in regard to military occupation or to the excessive taxation which goes with military control, transportation taxes of an almost prohibitive nature being levied as before on many of the principal lines. Conditions have been more hopeful on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways, in relation to which lines our associate, the British and Chinese Corporation, has been actively engaged on schemes of co-operation with the Ministry of Railways.

### Disbandment.

Disbandment remains the most important item in China's domestic affairs, and if I mention it last it is only because there is, unhappily, nothing more to record than the holding of the two barren conferences already mentioned. The President himself has described disbandment as the touchstone of patriotism for China's military commanders; the definition is exact and there is nothing which would do more to restore the world confidence which China so greatly needs than an effective agreement among those same leaders for the mutual reduction of troops.

Passing on to China's diplomatic relations in 1929, I come to a question of vital importance for all foreign concerns, namely the abolition of extraterritoriality. Having proved my mastery of that excessively polysyllabic word, I propose to say no more by using it in future in its telescoped form and to call it "extrality." The subject is so immense that I cannot deal with it as fully as I should like and I shall confine myself to a few comprehensive remarks from the point of view particularly of our own position in the matter.

### Extrality Question.

Let me begin by saying that China's ambition to abolish the extrality system and to see herself placed on the footing of other nations is one which we understand and can feel for. In the past however, as pointed out by His Majesty's Government, the system has been a recognised necessity for China, and it is upon it that the country's life has been founded and built up. Its abrupt termination would, I have no hesitation in saying, seriously imperil their

existence and be an act of the gravest injustice.

What we therefore demand is, not that extrality shall remain in its unmodified form, but that its modification shall be gradual, the rate and method being such as will at no stage leave foreign firms in China without common legal safeguards. As to how far China has already progressed towards herself providing these safeguards, opinions may vary. I can only say that the report of the 1926 Commission abundantly proved their inadequacy at that date, and that it is obvious that the four intervening years, filled as they have been by warfare and political turmoil, have wrought no radical improvement.

Now the essential safeguards which we need for the carrying on of our business may be grouped under three heads, reasonable laws, their impartial application by independent judges and lastly effective protection against illegal administrative acts.

### Judicial Independence.

As regards the first, the Government, as stated, is busily enacting a body of modern law. There may, as I have mentioned before, be room for improvement in the method of compilation, but there is no reason to doubt that China will soon possess an acceptable instrument of justice insofar as the actual codes are concerned. When we come to administration we have, however, to consider the many recent cases in the Shanghai Provisional Court, which have drawn forth protest from the Consular Deputies and in the foreign Press, besides incurring the united strictures of the Diplomatic Body. One has only to look at the record of this court to see the need of a further period of development before foreigners can look with confidence to the Chinese tribunals as a guarantee of justice.

It is above all the lack of judicial independence—stressed by the Commissioners in their 1928 Report as the outstanding defect of the courts—which causes mistrust since it has shown itself all too clearly in the frequent removal of judges and in showed submission by the judiciary to political authority. While gladly recognizing the progress already made, I cannot, therefore but echo the British Government's statement in their note of August last.

They there pointed to the need of a far greater advance towards securing a living reality of reforms, particularly in regard to freeing the courts from outside interference, and dictation. Till this takes place, any transfer of jurisdiction over foreigners needs to be strictly conditioned and limited.

### Illegal Treatment.

I come now to the third, and in my opinion by far the most important, of our requisite safeguards. A glance at current statistics will show it is enough to shew how absolutely necessary it is that protection should exist against lawless impositions by the "powers that be." Individuals and companies are notoriously subject to illegal and often extortionary treatment, against which the courts of law provide no defence. So many flagrant cases have been reviewed in the Press that example need not be quoted.

This state of affairs is, of course, closely connected with the persistence of civil war throughout the provinces of China, and one can fairly hope that a few years of peace and orderly government will remove the worst of the evil. But I would say with all the emphasis I can that peace and order until this improvement takes place it would be certainly premature, and not improbably disastrous, in the fullest sense of the word, to place foreign businesses under the sovereign control of local Chinese officials. If we are presently to be called upon to come under Chinese law, it is more than in any other direction that we look to our Government to assure us the protection so vitally needed.

### Shanghai's Future.

The momentous question of the future status of the Shanghai International Settlement is receiving official attention. The system of municipal government under which the Settlement has attained to its present size and prosperity has a splendid record to its credit. It has, in fact, been one of the rapid expansion of "Greater Shanghai" outside the Settlement boundaries, is perhaps the most important—call, however, for an impartial examination and it may be, for some changes.

The Shanghai Municipal Council have taken a wise step by obtaining the advice, in the person of Judge Footman, a man of experience and high reputation in the practical handling of problems of an analogous nature. Let us hope that a solution will be found which will provide the desired extent of Chinese co-operation and also firmly guarantee the standard of efficiency and integrity which the administration of the Settlement has enjoyed up to the present.

Other matters in China's relations with foreign Powers, to which time forbids me to make more than the briefest reference are, firstly, the evacuation of Shanghai by the Japanese troops last May, resulting in a relaxation of the tension which had unfortunately existed between the two countries for the previous year and secondly, the Sino-Russian rupture over the Chinese Eastern Railway which still awaits a final settlement, though through traffic on the railway has now been resumed. Having made already considerable demands on your patience in dealing with the state of affairs in China, I (Continued overleaf)



HONGKONG RACES  
COMMENCE.START OF FIVE-DAY  
MEETING.FINE WEATHER FAVOURS THE  
OPENING DAY.

## BIG DIVIDENDS PAID.

With the promise of one of the most successful fixtures ever held under its auspices, the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual Race Meeting commenced to-day. For the first time in history, the Meeting extends over five days, being continued on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday next.

The extension of the Meeting is due to the large number of ponies entered, which has necessitated the arranging of several additional events. This year, there are no fewer than 205 entries, which compares with 165 last year. The biggest stables are owned by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Dunbar, "Mr. Dynasty," Messrs. Hynes and Mackie, and Mr. Chan Tin-sion.

Every year, the standard of the Derby griffins has steadily improved, and this year is no exception, there being some very useful animals amongst the batch. Diana Bay and Winsome Stag are particularly noticeable, having shown up well in training. The subscription griffins, however, are not considered quite so good as usual. However, the events in which they figure should be very open. There are, of course, some good old ponies; so that, taken in all, the prospects of good sport are distinctly bright.

## "Pari" Pays Well.

The weather, after a somewhat dull morning, was delightfully fine, though rather on the warm side, whilst the course was in excellent condition, promising good times.

There were no fewer than twenty-nine entries for the first race which was won by a neck by Huachaf, ridden by Mr. Encarnacao. The winner paid his backers the handsome dividend of \$83.40.

Another big dividend was paid on the pari in the second race, Duke of Chantilly ridden by Mr. Y. S. Chang, paying \$78.70 for a win.

## The Officials.

The officials for the Meeting are as follows:—Patron—H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.). Honorary Stewards—H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Waite, K.C.B., H.E. Major General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., and Commodore R. A. Hill, O.B.E.

Stewards—Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie (Chairman), B. D. F. Beith, R. M. Dyer, Sir Henry Gollan, Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Messrs. M. T. Johnson, T. E. Pearce, F. F. Sutton and P. Tester. Stewards in Charge of Scales—Messrs. R. M. Dyer and M. T. Johnson. Joint Clerks of the Course—Messrs. B. D. F. Beith and T. E. Pearce.

Judge—Mr. D. E. Clark. Assistant Judge—Mr. P. Tester. Stewards—Major A. G. Hewson and Major F. Roch Kelly. Second Starter—Mr. S. A. Sloan. Steward in Charge of Paddock—Mr. F. Sutton.

Handicappers—Messrs. C. M. S. Alves and H. W. Moon. Stewards in Charge of Pari-Mutuel—Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes and Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Time-keeper—Mr. A. E. S. Alves. Hon. Surgeon—Dr. J. C. Macdonald. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon—Major Roche Kelly and Mr. L. Reidy. Official Mesurer—Mr. D. L. McWhirter, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. Secretary—Mr. C. Bernard Brown. Treasurers—Messrs. Linstead and Davis.

1.—THE WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of any Season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance). Entrance \$5. Half a Mile.

Mr. Mogear's Huachaf (Mr. Encarnacao) 1  
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Fyne (Mr. Heard) 2  
Messrs. Bellamy & Gordon's Snaefell (Mr. Arnold) 3

Twenty-nine starters. A neck; half a length.  
Time:—1 min. 01.3/5 secs.  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$83.40; 1st, \$26.20; 2nd, \$31.40; 3rd, \$49.50.

2.—THE OLD COURSE PLATE.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies that have started in at least four Extra Meetings in Hongkong during 1929, two of such Meetings to have been before 1st July and two subsequent to that date. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance). Entrance \$10. One Mile.

Messrs. Lau & Lee's Duke of Chantilly (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1  
Mr. Hau Un's Monterey Bay (Mr. C. U. da Rosa) 2  
Mr. Dynasty's Young Pretender (Mr. Haimovitch) 3

Eleven starters. A length and a half; a head.  
Time:—2 min. 07.1/5 secs.  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$78.70; 1st, \$16.70; 2nd, \$19.30; 3rd, \$7.80.

3.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

Mr. Dynasty's King's Bounty (Mr. Haimovitch) 1  
Messrs. Hynes & Mackie's Piccalilli (Mr. Noodt) 2  
Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Windsor Stag (Mr. Quincey) 3

Sixteen starters. A short head; half a length.  
Time:—1 min. 30.2/5 secs.  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$10.30; 1st, \$6.60; 2nd, \$7.90; 3rd, \$10.70.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.—Winner \$1,000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Bridge Hall (Mr. Encarnacao) 1  
Mr. John Peel's Done Again (Mr. Heard) 2  
Messrs. Sturt & Lobel's Tanxio (Mr. Noodt) 3

Twenty-four starters. A length; three lengths.  
Time:—1 min. 33.4/5 secs.  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$73.20; 1st, \$18.50; 2nd, \$45.90; 3rd, \$12.50.

5.—THE FOCHOW CUP.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at least three times in Hongkong previous to this Meeting and have never won a race and Griffins have never won a race and Griffins of this Meeting allowed 7 lb. Subscription Griffins of this Meeting allowed 12 lb. (Jockey allowance). Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$10. One Mile and a Half.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's President Hall (Mr. Encarnacao) 1  
Mrs. Dunbar's Sitting Bull (Mr. Heard) 2  
Mr. John Peel's Adam (Mr. Heard) 3

Eleven starters. A length and a half; four lengths.  
Time:—3 min. 07.2/5 secs.  
(This was a record).  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$23.90; 1st, \$5.90; 2nd, \$5.40; 3rd, \$6.40.

6.—THE CHINA STAKES.—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For all China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance \$10. Five Furlongs.

Mr. Chan Tin-sion's Apollo (Mr. Quincey) 1  
Mr. Yam Man's Fifty Fifty (Mr. da Rosa) 2  
Messrs. Bennett & Cave's San Francisco (Mr. Charles) 3

Eleven starters. Many lengths; a length.  
Time:—1 min. 11.3/5 secs. (A record).  
Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$5.30; 1st, \$6.10; 2nd, \$10.70; 3rd, \$11.50.

## M.F.H. FOUND SHOT.

ESTATE WORKMAN'S  
DISCOVERY.

Warwick, Dec. 26.

Captain C. I. P. Smith Ryland, Lord of the Manor of Sherborne, and Joint Master of the Warwickshire Foxhounds, was found shot near his home, Barford Hill, Warwick, to-day.

The discovery was made in the morning by a workman on the estate who heard a shot and made a search. Coming to the boathouse he looked through the shrubs towards the River Avon and saw Captain Smith Ryland lying there shot through the head but still alive. He was taken home, where he died late this afternoon.

Captain Smith Ryland was due to meet the hounds at Broughton Castle, near Banbury, and his groom had left with his horses before the news became known.

Some surprise was felt among the hunt that the Joint Master had not arrived, but there was no suspicion that anything serious had happened, and hounds proceeded to draw cover under the command of the other Joint Master, Lord Willoughby de Broke.

Captain Smith Ryland was a son of the late Mr. C. A. Smith Ryland and of Mrs. Smith Ryland, of Barford Hill. He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst and joined the Coldstream Guards during the war, being wounded at Ypres in 1917. He returned to England, but went out again until the Armistice and served on the Rhine till the Guards Division came home.

In 1919 he married at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Leila Mary, younger daughter of the Hon. M. G. Tolleran, of Bury St. Edmunds. He was a County Magistrate, and in 1926 held the office of High Sheriff of Warwickshire.

He had been Joint Master of the Warwickshire Hunt for only a few months. He was 51 years of age.

## THE CASH SWEEPS.

THE LUCKY NUMBERS—AT  
THE RACES.

## TO-DAY'S WINNERS.

Below are the Cash Sweep ticket numbers on to-day's Races:

Race No. 1.  
Ticket No. 736. \$1,304.80  
" 657. 372.80  
" 222. 185.40

\$50 tickets:—412, 567, 275, 633, 692, 70, 320, 310, 293, 15, 484, 553, 770, 156, 704, 19, 637, 515, 593, 400, 280, 575, 629, 290, 55, 350.

Race No. 2.  
Ticket No. 633. \$2,312.80  
" 53. 660.80  
" 123. 330.40

\$50 tickets:—462, 435, 194, 654, 459, 671, 839, 88.

Race No. 3.  
Ticket No. 350. \$2,754.60  
" 74. 735.60  
" 936. 367.80

\$50 tickets:—733, 658, 384, 784, 363, 699, 1042, 44, 100, 925, 253, 425, 240.

Race No. 4.  
Ticket No. 206. \$2,877.00  
" 810. 822.00  
" 222. 411.00

\$50 tickets:—620, 390, 611, 97, 98, 411, 854, 1055, 1253, 179, 503, 313, 869, 486, 631, 881, 281, 267, 7, 481, 780.

Race No. 5.  
Ticket No. 901. \$3,016.60  
" 489. 361.60  
" 723. 430.80

\$50 tickets:—1143, 1142, 927, 636, 382, 277, 1138, 768.

Race No. 6.  
Ticket No. 276. \$3,007.20  
" 727. 859.20  
" 670. 429.60

\$50 tickets:—347, 157, 855, 937, 391, 509, 51, 691.

## ABBAY SACRISTY.

NO CUTTING THROUGH  
ANCIENT MASONRY.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey held a meeting recently, at which careful consideration of a preliminary character was given to the important recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the question of a sacristy for the Abbey.

It will be recalled that the recommendation is reconsideration of what is known as the Poet's Corner site, with the additional suggestion that the crypt of the Chapter House might be brought into use by an underground passage and stairway. This, as the Committee's report pointed out, would entail cutting through the north wall of the crypt, which is 17 feet in thickness.

The conclusions at which the Dean and Chapter arrived were of a negative character. While recognising the weight of the opinion of those who recommended this somewhat drastic scheme, they decided that they were not prepared to authorise the cutting of a passage through the 17 feet of masonry on the north side of the Chapter House crypt.

## Guiding Principles.

It was further decided that in any scheme providing for their present needs, they were not prepared to adopt any plan that would involve cutting into the ancient masonry of the Abbey.

This does not imply that the Poet's Corner site, so strongly advocated by the Advisory Committee, is abandoned; but the Dean and Chapter will now address themselves to the question of whether this site, even with an overflow into the Chapter House crypt, can be brought into use without making any fresh passageway, and without cutting into the masonry above ground.

The two principles of not doing anything which might conceivably endanger the foundations and not cutting into the medieval masonry above ground, have as frequently been stated, guided the Dean and Chapter throughout, and their scheme on the north side of the Abbey, which gave rise to so much criticism, carefully avoided doing either of these things.

That the Dean and Chapter are not prepared to depart from these principles may safely be assumed, and they will otherwise continue their consideration of the Committee's recommendations.

SILVER NOT LIKELY  
TO RECOVER.

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must pass over much that would otherwise claim attention. Enough has, however, been said to show that the year on which we are entering opens a more than usually anxious prospect to foreign banks and businesses whose interests are vested in that country.

## New Chief Manager.

I would ask your patience for a moment whilst I allude to a personal matter. I was 15 years in the service of the Bank. My first three and a half years in the East were spent in Penang, and when I was transferred to Shanghai the man who came out from Home to relieve me was Mr. Hynes. You will understand, therefore, that I have followed his career in the Bank with much interest.

I have now to inform you that Mr. Hynes has tendered his resignation, which the Directors have accepted, but with the very greatest regret. He has had over 32 years' service of which over 12 have been in Hongkong, and during the last three years has been our Chief Manager. These three years, as you all know, have been exceptionally difficult ones, and the results attained in face of these difficulties speak more for Mr. Hynes' zeal and ability in the service of the Bank than anything I could possibly say. I feel sure that you would wish to join me in offering a warm farewell to Mr. Hynes, and in wishing him enjoyment of a well-merited rest after his long and successful career in the Bank.

Another old colleague of mine, Mr. V.M. Grayburn, has been appointed to be Acting Chief Manager when Mr. Hynes leaves in two or three weeks' time. Here again I feel sure that you will join me in offering him a hearty welcome and every success.

In conclusion I would ask you to confirm the Directors' vote of a bonus to the staff of the Bank on their salaries. The reduction from 10 per cent. to 5 per cent. of several years past has been made to correspond with the halving of the Shareholders' bonus. I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts.

After the proposal has been seconded and before placing the motion before the Meeting, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may have to ask.

## THE SECONDER'S SPEECH.

The Bank and its Sterling Position.

Seconding the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., said—Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen—In rising to second the adoption of the Report and the Statement of Accounts, I do not propose to occupy many minutes of your time, especially in view of the very full and interesting speech which has just been made from the chair.

The first point which strikes one as satisfactory is the fact that, in spite of difficult trade and banking conditions during the past year, our earnings in silver for 1929 exceeded by some seven lakhs of dollars our earnings in silver for the year 1928.

Yet another point for congratulation is that our Directors by transferring 5 million dollars from our silver reserve at the very favourable rate of 2/- to the dollar, have raised our sterling reserve to six and a half millions sterling, and when we call to mind that only 10 years ago, at the beginning of 1920, our sterling reserve stood at one and a half million pounds only, it will be readily appreciated how much the Bank has strengthened its sterling position during the last ten years.

We are also transferring \$500,000 to our silver reserve and \$750,000 to Bank Promises Account; and it is pleasing to hear from you, sir, that our investments stand at all under market quotations.

## The Sterling Bonus.

Whilst we, as shareholders, must regret that the sterling bonus for the year has been reduced from £2 to £1 per share, we feel bound to acquiesce in the decision of the Board when we reflect that, at the low exchange of 18/7½ to the dollar, the final payment to us of £4 per share costs only about \$40,000 less in dollars than the payment of the final of £5 per share cost us for the year 1928 at the then exchange of 2s. 0½ d. to the dollar. Moreover, those shareholders, who think in dollars, can derive comfort from the fact that for the year 1929 they are receiving \$30.37 per share as compared with \$79.02 per share for the year 1928.

In regard to the disturbed state of affairs in China, shareholders can only join with our Directors in deploring the continued persistence of civil war in China with its accompanying famine and brigandage, and of the oppression of the Chinese merchants and masses by irregular taxation and interference with the arteries of trade in so many Provinces of China. Also the molestation of shipping by pirates is still unfortunately with us, and we trust that the preventive measures, which have recently been initiated by the Government of Kwangtung, will shortly bear fruit.

## Extrality Abolition.

As regards the abolition of extrality, one can only express the hope that the powers that be in Nanking will realize the desirability for proceeding slowly and gradually, so long as Chinese Judges have no security of tenure of office, and so long as such Judges are liable to dictation and interference by political and military officials.

All shareholders will most cordially endorse the bonus of 5 per cent. to the Bank staff on their salaries, and will very much regret the necessity for reducing the same.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I desire, on behalf of the shareholders, to echo your words of appreciation of the very valuable services which have been rendered to the Bank by our retiring Chief Manager, Mr.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.  
Hongkong Bank, \$1400 s.  
Chartered Bank, \$162 n.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$29 n.  
East Asia \$102 s.

Insurance.  
Carlton Ins., \$745 b.  
Union Ins., \$380 b.  
North China Ins., \$150 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$170 n.  
China Fire, \$340 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$880 b.

Shipping.  
Douglases, \$254 s.  
H. K. Steam, \$251 n.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.  
Union Waterboats \$251 b.

Mining.  
Benguets, \$51 b.  
Kailans, 50/- n.  
Langkots, \$13.60 n.  
Shai Explorations, \$1.30 n.  
Rauba, \$144 b.  
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$155 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$32 b.  
China Providents \$5.50 s.  
Hongkows, \$196 b.  
New Engineering, \$15.780 b.  
Shanghai Docks, \$120 s.

Cottons.  
Ewo Cottons, \$16.50 sa.  
Orientals, \$1.230 b.  
Shai Cottons, \$1.83 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.55 sa.  
H. K. Lands, \$651 sa.  
Shai Lands \$1.215 b.  
Humphreys, \$14 n.  
Realities, \$9.30 s.  
Chinese Estates \$98 s.

Public Utilities.  
Tramways, \$19.60 b.  
Peak Trams, (old), \$11.75 n.  
Star Ferries, \$68 n.  
China Lights, (Old), \$19.20 s.  
H. K. Electric, \$70 sa.  
Macao Electric, \$23 b.  
Telephones \$9.80 b.

China Buses, \$171 b.  
Singapore Tractors, 10/- s.

Industrials.  
China Sugars, 75 cts. b.  
Malabons, \$27 n.  
Cald: Macq. Ord. \$15.10 n.  
Canton Inds. \$2.50 n.  
Cements (Comb.) \$14.75 t.  
Ropes \$7.85 n.  
United Asbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.  
Dairy Farms, \$22.40 n.  
Watsons, \$12.15 n.  
Der. A. Wings, \$0 s.  
Lane Crawford, \$3 n.  
Mackintoshes, \$18 b.  
Sinceres, \$12 n.

Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$28 b.  
Constructions, \$130 b.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60 n.  
H. K. G. Loan 5 1/4 s. Prem.

Hynes, during the past three extremely difficult years, and we join in wishing him, and Mrs. Hynes also, many years of happiness to come.

We likewise desire to endorse your words of welcome to the incoming Chief Manager, Mr. Grayburn, and to wish him every success in his arduous task.

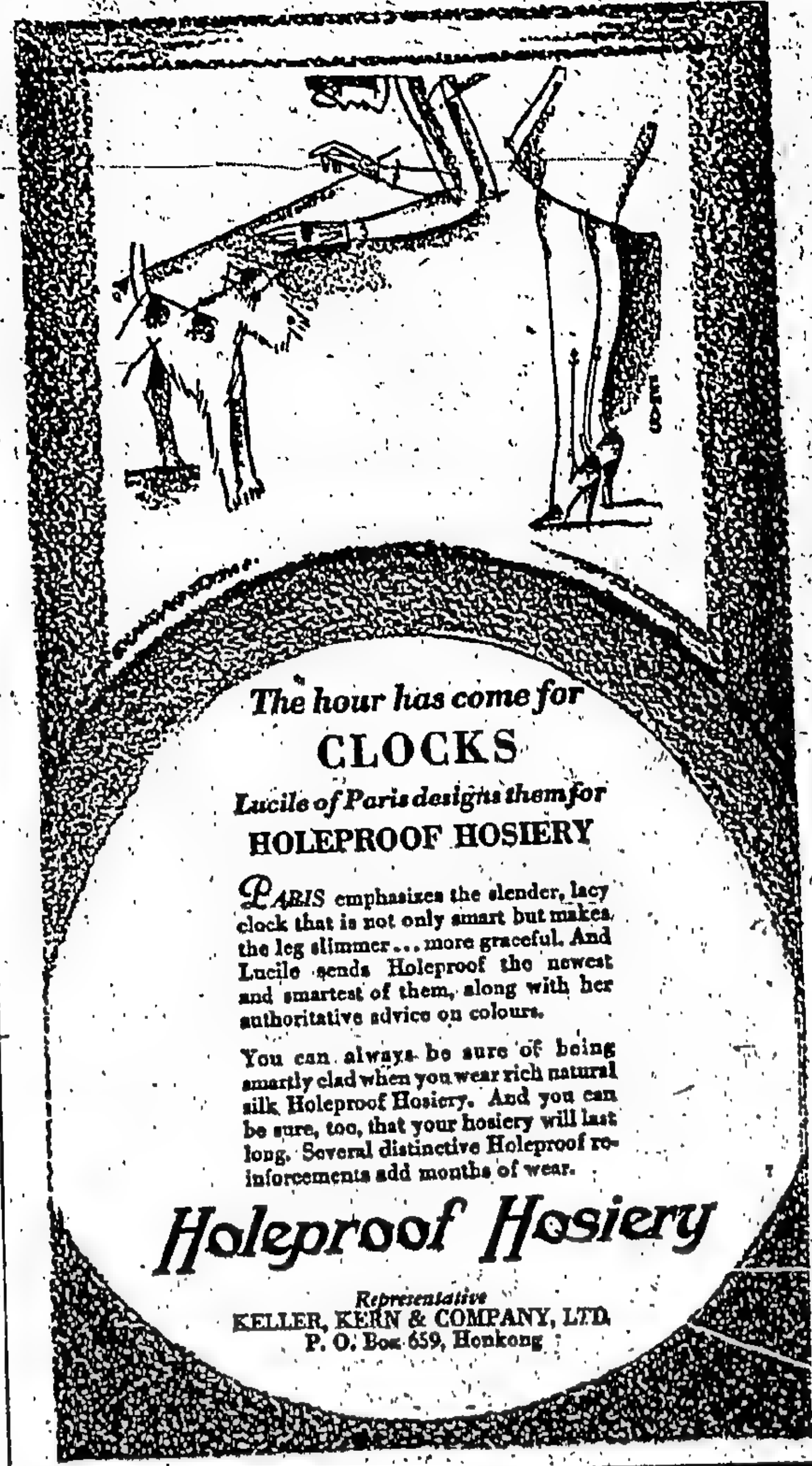
The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Business Matters.

Mr. R. M. Dyer proposed and Mr. D. J. Lewis seconded the appointment of Mr. J. P. Warren, Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. T. E. Pearce to the Board of Directors, and the re-election of Mr. W. L. Patterson, Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. B. D. F. Beith to the Board. This was carried.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and John Fleming, C.A., were re-elected as auditors, on the motion of Mr. F. C. Hall, seconded by Mr. J. W. Bonham.

Those present were—Mr. W. H. Bell (Chairman), Mr. J. A. Plummer (Vice-chairman), Messrs. B. D. F. Beith, B. Lander Lewis, C. G. S. Mackie, W. L. Patterson, T. E. Pearce, T. H. R. Shaw and J. P. Warren (Directors), Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (Chief Manager), Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and the following shareholders—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Professor C. A. M. Smith, Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, F. C. Hall, R. M. Dyer, D. J. Lewis, H. G. Hegarty, V. M. Grayburn, J. T. Bagram, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Paul Lander, L. G. S. Dodwell, H. R. Sturt, Lo Cheung-wan, Chan Shu-ming, M. K. L. A. Stevenson, R. A. Dastur, A. P. Samy, W. E. Little, F. W. James, F. W. Stapleton, F. C. Marsh, D. Templeton, G. C. Moxon, A. C. Kennedy, A. B. Raworth, S. M. Churn, E. F. R. Sample, P. S. Cassidy, C. B. Johnson, J. M. Alves, J. M. McHutchon, L. E. N. Ryan, H. Dixon, Chua Seng-choo, F. Med. Courtney, J. Coulthart, Chun Wing-jong, J. Kotwall, A. Alfred Tse, E. M. Ellis, D. H. Cooper, J. E. Joseph, T. N. Chau, John Fleming, E. D. Kotewall, Davenport Brown, G. K. Hall Brutton, J. B. Montargie, G. E. Towns, W. E. Van Eps, Mrs. E. J. Hegarty, Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell, Mrs. A. B. Raworth, and Mrs. A. C. Hynes.



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#### REASONS WHY TOLD.

That symbol of slavery, the grease gun, has been banished entirely from some cars by an extension of central lubrication systems, whereby chassis bearings are lubricated by pressing a lever. The newest device of this type is on the single-six Nash, and it has not even a lever. The motion of the car controls the flow of oil to bearing surfaces.

"Silentbloc" spring shackles, ball-bearing spring shackles, and rubber buffer anchorages for springs are other methods used to reduce manual labour, while a self-oiling fan bearing has appeared.

Springs have received more than usual attention. This has followed increases in the weight of cars caused by the adoption of heavier frames and gear boxes and more substantial final drives, axles and brake mechanism. Suspension of this extra weight called for longer springs which, of course, are less easy to control.

Control was sought by a stampede towards hydraulic shock absorbers, now fitted to practically every car, but the control varies when the springs are wet, dry or lubricated, and to forecast the resiliency from day to day is not possible unless the springs are in a condition of constancy. Spring gaiters which retain lubricant are hailed as the solution of the constancy problem, and now tailored gaiters of metal which enclose lubricated wrappings are being fitted on some cars.

Into the sphere of springing, too, has entered steering wheel "kick." Smaller wheels and larger tyres allowed a greater laxity of movement by road wheels. So much extra rubber is a twistable, flexible

surface with which rough roads can play tricks.

#### Shock Stopped On Way.

Engineers discovered that this flexibility could be neutralised by passing the movement on to the springs and absorbing it here, instead of allowing it to travel through the steering connections and box. Several different types of "neutraliser," "harmoniser," or "eliminator" have been designed, but all are on the same principle of allowing movement in the left front spring at its shackling point, and providing sufficient resistance to return the spring to its normal position.

This, of course, is a safety factor, as it gives more positive control, and is on a level with the excellencies of modern brakes which have been simplified down to two and one shoe units, and made very easily adjustable. One light six—the Citroën—has the vacuum servo type.

Ascending from ground level to the region of the motor is to follow a trail of rubber. This vegetable is becoming more and more a component of a vehicle which commenced its development purely as a mineral.

Its insulating qualities have won rubber its place in a motor vehicle, for vibration seldom creeps past it, and noise dies in its depths. Mostly, motors are suspended at four points from the chassis, and rubber in some shape is fitted as an insulator at the points of suspension.

Power has been increased in the motor of nearly every car. Infrequently has the engine been redesigned, but engineers have made voyages of discovery around the power unit, and have discovered where lighter or heavier parts, quicker or slower action, more or less resistance, will increase the horse-power obtainable from a pint of petrol.

Speed in the motor components usually is followed by a better delivery to the road wheels. In the light cylinder field, a development of 100 h.p. is becoming usual; some sixes, too, attain it, while the baby fours turn out a stream of energy which is remarkable when the size of the generating plant is considered.

#### Strength Needed.

To care for these greater strains, bearings have been made larger, camshafts and crankshafts more rigid, and crankcases are strongly braced, to give better support and resist torsional stresses.

Most important of these many improvements is the better carburettion and manifolding to equally supply the cylinders. Giant strides have been made in carburettion. One of these is the inclusion of the accelerator pump which gives fuel to the motor for fast pick-up before the normal induction could get a supply through the jet. Some cars literally can "leap" into motion now.

Rapidly, the vacuum tank is becoming a museum piece. The more positive fuel pump which automatically can be regulated to supply the demand has thrust the tank from car after car. The elementary gravity feed probably still is the best fuel system, if the cowl tank can be worked into the car's design.

#### Less to Worry About.

Cleaners, filters and strainers guarding the engine have reduced maintenance and repair charges, and have helped to make the car more automatic. Thermostatically controlled radiator shutters have carried this thought a step further, and driving tasks again have been simplified by linking the throttle control with the manifold heat control, so that fuel is delivered to the cylinders in the correct state of vaporisation at different road speeds.

The demand for driving comforts has produced simplified controls such as the "finger tip" system, in which all switches are grouped at one central point on the top of the steering column, and the same demands have set designers out on a hunt for gearbox noise.

#### Silence is Real Virtue.

Noise is an unsettling, racking pest to a driver, and is the main

## WHEN IT RAINS IN AFRICA



What was left of a highway in Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, after a heavy rainfall. A Buick pushes its way through elephant grass that had grown completely over the road.

reason why motorists prefer to drive always in top gear. In banishing noise from the gearbox, some engineers have reverted to four forward speed systems, in which third is as quiet as "top."

Reo has taken a short cut by retaining three gears and making the second speed silent. High-class British cars always have been comparatively quiet in intermediate gears, and the small Riley has had a silent "third" for a long time.

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### Traffic Delays.

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The association says that half of the accidents and practically all the delays on these occasions are caused by antiques with rattletap motors or defective or broken brakes and steering gear.

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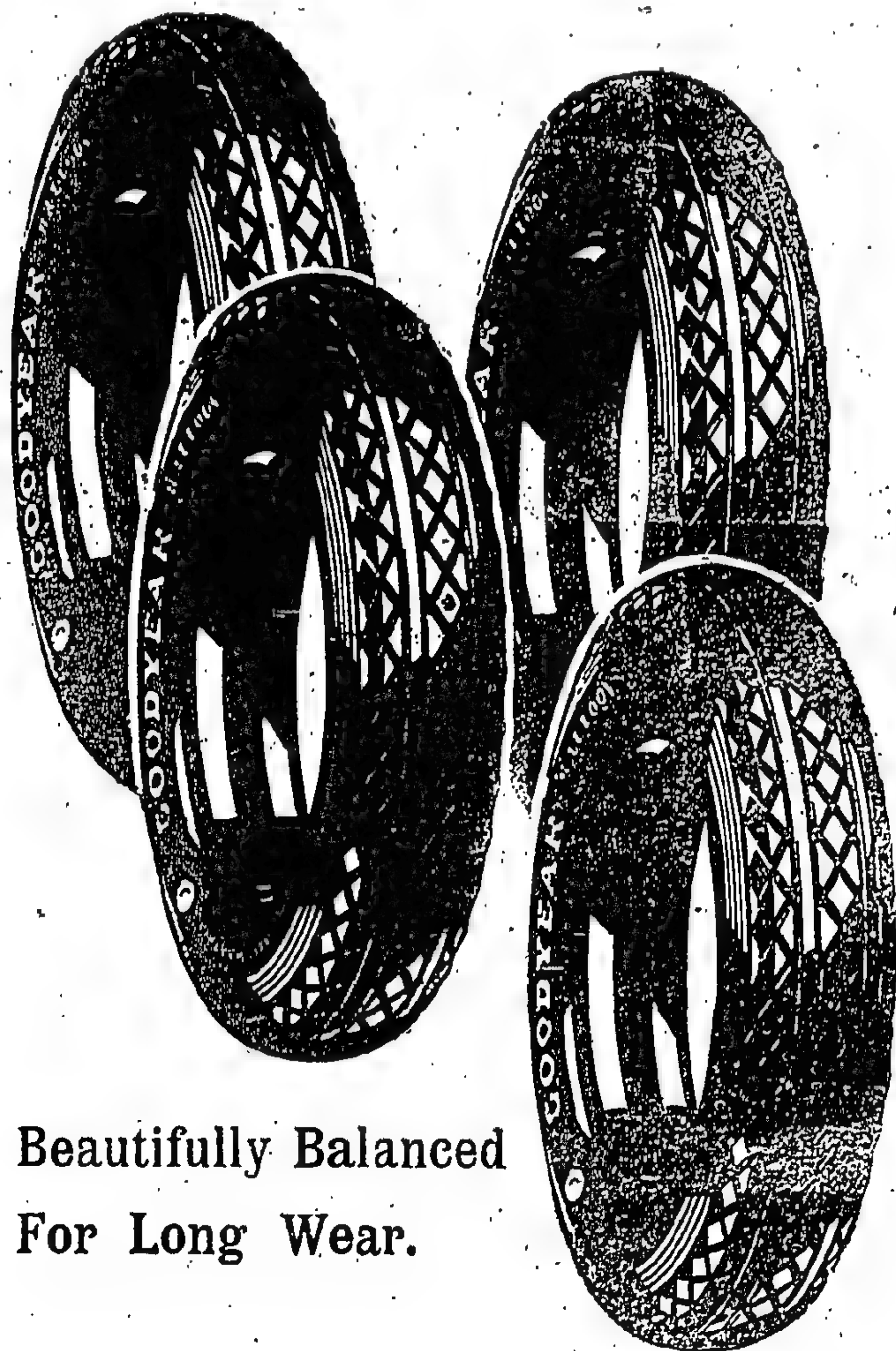
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Travelling when and where the spirit moved them, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bates, of Sydney, have just completed a trip around Australia in a caravan mounted on a six-cylinder truck chassis.

They left Sydney on June 12, 1929 and ended the unusual holiday in January 1930. Details of the route and comments on the conditions are given below.

Their route lay from Brisbane and Rockhampton on the mid-land road, to Long-reach and Townsville, from whence they followed the coast road (the worst encountered on the whole journey), to Cairns. From Cairns they reached Darwin by the usual Hughenden and Barclay Tableland route. The Barclay Tableland is a rich black soil plain, handicapped at present by the long drought, and its isolated position.

#### Quaint Ant Hills.

In the country round Darwin they saw the meridian or magnetic ant hills, which are found nowhere else in the world. Malayan influence could often be seen very plainly in the aborigines, who were well built specimens of manhood. Along the North Australian rivers also clumps of bamboo were encountered. As bamboo is not indigenous to Australia, this seems to confirm the conclusion that Australia was discovered by the

Malays, long before Captain Cook. Patches of devil-devil country round Darwin proved very hard travelling, only equalled by the rugged country—with ironstone outcrops—which proved very hard on tyres.

From Darwin a detour was made to Marrakaf, which is a regular sportsman's paradise—literally hundreds of buffaloes were seen, providing a few intrepid sportsmen with a means of livelihood. The aborigines employed by these men seemed to be some of the fittest and happiest seen on the trip, their wages consisting of tobacco and unlimited meat. A big buck abo was seen here, sitting beside a large pile of goose eggs, with the debris of those already consumed on the other side of him. He was growling loudly and gently massaging that part of his anatomy not usually massaged in polite society. Nevertheless, he managed to break the shell of another egg—about the thirteenth—and consume it. The intruders do not state whether he finished the remaining thirty.

#### All Kinds of Game.

The Mary River, at the time of their visit, had dried up into a series of waterholes, which could be better described as a chain of small lakes, among the most virginal and abundant tropical growth, the home of ducks, geese and pelicans in apparently unlimited quantities. Crocodiles in all sizes were equally in evidence. The route then was back to Katherine, and thence via Wave Hill, Hall's to Derby and Broome, travelling the Kimberley route. Here camels were seen quite frequently grazing. They have been turned out, having been almost entirely superseded by donkeys and motor vehicles. Over this stretch

#### Six Days in Creek.

Shortly after leaving Broome, where they spent a most enjoyable fortnight—the caravan came to rest in a sandy gully, which had been half corduroyed. They ascertained, subsequently, that it is intended to open a new all-weather road from Broome to LaGrange, but unfortunately for them the direction boards had been erected in anticipation of the completion of the road, though the old track is the one still used.

Mr. Bates adopted the usual methods in an endeavour to extricate the truck, but unfortunately broke the jack and had then recourse to a donkey team, comprising twenty animals, whose united efforts also resulted in a dismal failure. After six days in the creek, with water and food supplies running short, a rescue party arrived from Broome with the necessary jacks, and soon had the caravan out of trouble.

The Kimberleys are a very large outcrop of ironstone hills with occasional patches of very fertile soil, one of which was found bearing a splendid crop of bananas and other fruits. Wallah Station, the place where Einstein's theory of the deflection of light was proved of country the use of the despised ass in large teams was very noticeable. Further south, however, camel teams are still common.

correct, was traversed en route. Derby is surrounded by a salt-pan, perfectly level, and a place where some of the world famous speedsters would undoubtedly find the speed track they so badly need. From Broome they proceeded, via Pt. Hedland and Meekathara to Perth.

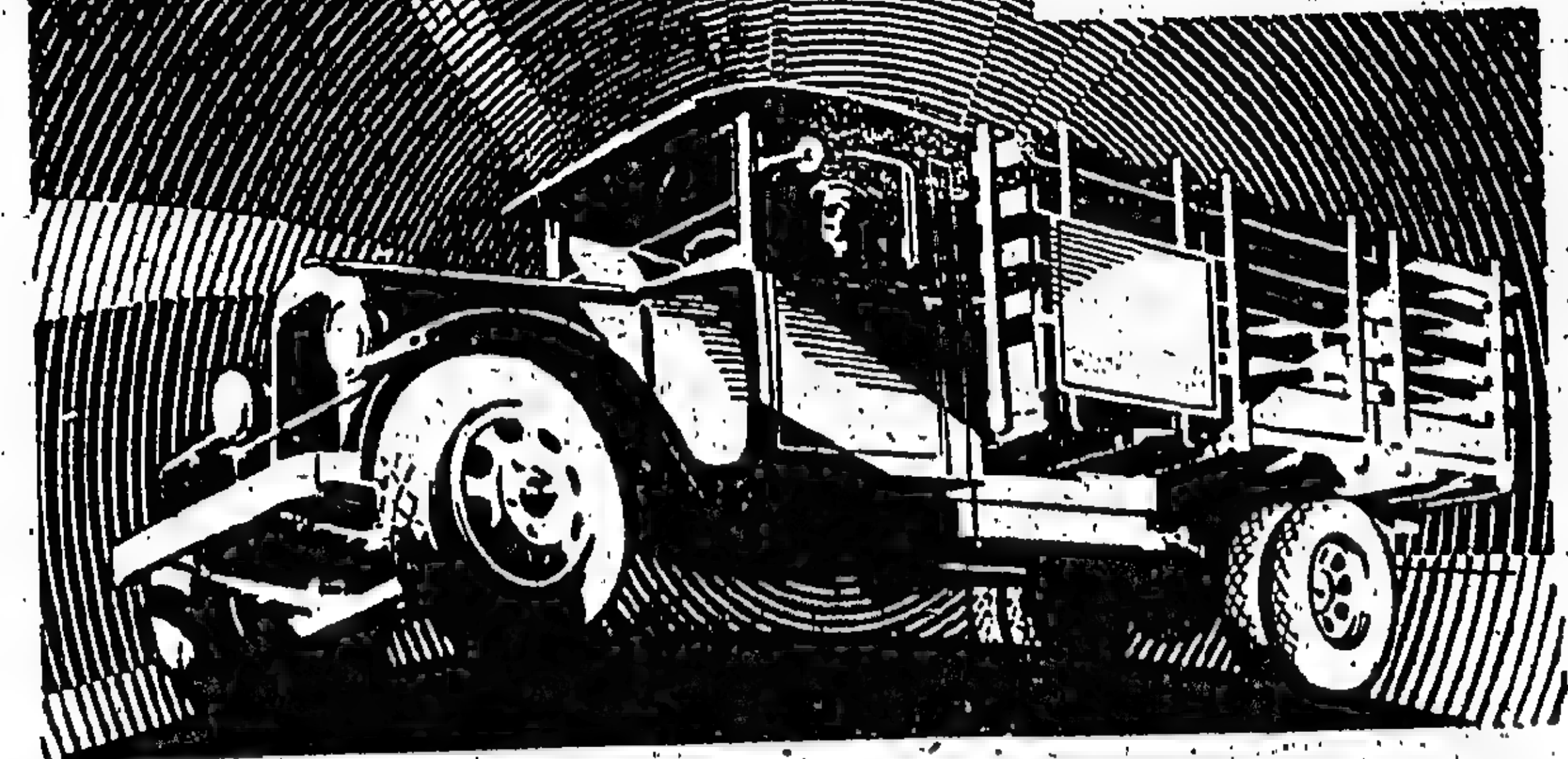
#### Marvellous Colours.

The Marble Bar country, as it is called, is characterised by its very red soil, and is chiefly remarkable for the beautiful colouring of reds and purples at sunrise and sunset, usually associated with the Egyptian desert. From Perth to Adelaide, via Kalgoorlie, proved the most uninteresting and barren part traversed.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bates unreservedly recommend this trip to anybody desirous of an unusual holiday. Information, insofar as routes, &c., were concerned, was supplied to them prior to the commencement of their trip by the Shell Company of Australia, and they recommend any other tourists to obtain in advance the route information without which this trip would have been considerably more difficult. Through the establishment of a chain of depots along the route by the Shell Company, it is now possible to make a trip of this description without arranging for supplies of spirit and oil in advance.

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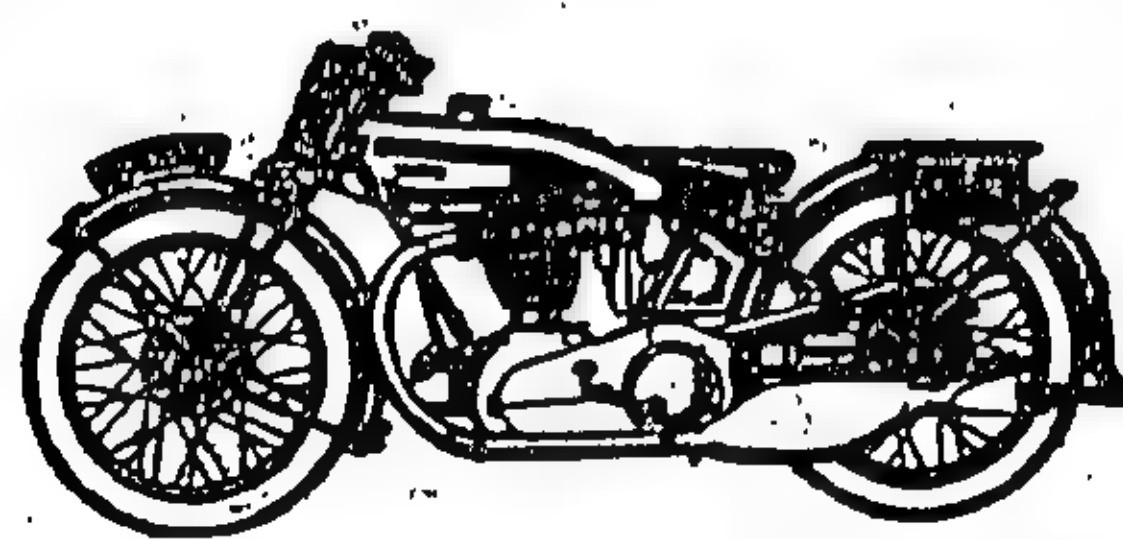


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LATEST ELECTION  
FIGURES.JAPANESE GOVERNMENT  
PARTY LEADING.

## TWELVE NET GAINS.

Tokyo, Feb. 22.  
The Election returns up to midnight showed the state of the parties as follows:

Minseito (Government) .. 71	
Seiyukai .. 40	
Proletarians .. 3	
Independents .. 2	
Others Parties .. 6	

The full returns are not expected to be available before Sunday. Up to the present, the gains and losses have been:

Gains	Losses.
Minseito .. 15	3
Seiyukai .. 4	12
Proletarians .. 2	5

The early returns have been mainly from the Minseito strongholds. The main feat has been the defeat of three of the eight proletarians returned to the Diet in 1928, including the two leaders of the Social Democrats.

Among the victors up to now, are Ken Inukai, son of the President of the Seiyukai who is running for the first time; and Professor Ikuro Oyama, leader of the left wing Proletarians, who was unsuccessful last time.

Contrary to expectations, Isao Abe, President of the Social Democrats, and Bunji Suzuki, his right-hand man, have both been ousted; while Toyohiko Kagawa, the famous Christian social worker, who is also running on a Social-Democrat ticket, has likewise been defeated.

Kagawa's defeat, however, was anticipated, as he was personally averse to running for the Diet, being mainly interested in social work, and he made no attempt to canvass. He only agreed to stand at the urgent pleadings of his followers.—*Reuter*.

## INTER-HONG ROWING.

A.P.C. SUCCESS IN HORNELL  
CUP.

A very interesting sporting event was decided yesterday when the annual Inter-Hong Rowing Race for the "Hornell" Cup took place. The Asiatic Petroleum Co., Hongkong Electric Co. and Jardine Matheson featured this time in a triangular struggle for honours, which resulted in a fine win for the first named hon after an exciting contest.

The race was over a mile course, beginning from Lyceum and finishing at the Yacht Club. The water was pretty choppy but the crews got off at a level start, and for the first one and a half minutes not one of them could gain any advantage. They were then apparently matching one another stroke for stroke and did about 32 to the minute. The struggle for the lead became very keen but the A.P.C. asserting themselves at this stage, forged slightly ahead, and held it until half the course was covered, when the position was A.P.C., Electric Co. and Jardines, all near one another.

A great effort was made by the last two to draw level, but the A.P.C. were able to maintain their lead, and further increased it a bit after three-quarters of a mile. Then the Electric Co. unfortunately caught a "crab" which held them up for a few seconds, and enabled Jardines to overtake them. A.P.C. continued to row consistently and finished 3/4 of a length ahead of Jardines. Electric Co. finished two lengths behind the latter.

The members of the winning crew were:—T. Lindars, R. G. Edwards-Jones, G. May, J. G. H. Lander (Stroke), R. Young (Cox).

VOLUNTEER CRICKET  
WEEK.

## TEAMS FOR THREE DAYS.

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Tuesday, 25th Feb., at K.C.C. against the K.C.C.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, E. C. Fincher, A. C. Beck, F. Baker, F. Zimmermann, S. W. Gittins, J. R. Hinton and G. E. R. Divett.

Wednesday, 26th Feb., on H.K.C.C. ground against the United Services.—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. Reid, J. E. Richardson, E. C. Fincher, A. C. Beck, F. Baker, F. Zimmermann, S. W. Gittins, W. C. Hung and G. E. R. Divett.

Tickets will be served at 12.15 p.m. each day and play will commence at 1 p.m., stumps being drawn at 6.15 p.m.

## CINEMA NOTES.

"MASQUERADE" AT THE  
QUEEN'S TO-MORROW.

At last a true-to-life newspaper sequence has been filmed. Russell J. Birdwell, who left a newspaper office to become a Fox Movietone director, accomplishes the feat in "Masquerade," latest all-talking picture opening to-morrow at the Queen's from the William Fox Studios.

"During the many years I worked on newspapers it always irked me to see so-called newspaper plays and films," Birdwell is said to have remarked, "because they were so generally untrue to life. Even in the best of them, some error crept in that would instantly be spotted by members of the newspaper profession. When I read the script on 'Masquerade' and discovered a short newspaper reporters' room sequence, I cracked my heels and made up my mind to do it right."

To be absolutely certain he wasn't overlooking any little points, Birdwell called in a number of old-time newspaper friends to criticise the scene. All agreed it was perfect; an admission seldom made by reporters about anything.

"Masquerade," however, is not a newspaper play. It is an adaptation of the famous novel, "The Brass Bowl," by Louis J. Vance, and is a comedy drama in which Alan Birmingham plays the first dual role ever enacted in talking pictures.

**Feminine Touch.**  
Here's what one film star thinks about the new summer styles being worn in Hollywood:—Leatrice Joy, playing the leading role in "The Bellamy Trial," at the Queen's Theatre, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer feature mystery drama, believes the most significant movement of the season is toward the feminized fashions. "We have been dressing in ultra tailored and sports clothes too long," Miss Joy says, "it is quite a relief to be able to wear a frilly blouse or a lace jabot for change. The ensemble is the most sensible and likewise the most smart costume that milady can choose. For summer wear it is particularly good in lightweight materials. I am highly in favour of the return of the romantic picture hat. Nothing more beautiful or more graceful has ever been worn."

Miss Joy is supported by a notable assemblage of players in the feature which Monta Bell directed. Among the cast are George Burdard, Kenneth Thompson, Betty Bronson, Margaret Livingston, Edward Nugent, Margaret Seddon, Charles B. Middleton and Charles Hill Mailes.

In the feature Miss Joy is shown as a woman on trial for murder, the film play having been adapted from the sensational magazine serial by Frances Noyes Hart.

## JUNKERS V. FORD.

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF  
PATENT.

Barcelona, Jan. 1.  
The criminal action commenced in Seville by the German Junkers Aeroplane Company against the manufacturers of the Ford trimotor planes is not without its humorous side.

As far as can be ascertained, the action arises out of an alleged infringement by Ford of the Junkers Company's patent covering the employment of corrugated duralumin in the construction of all metal aeroplanes.

The Ford apparatus arrived recently at Tablada, Seville. Its arrival had been expected by the Germans, who patiently watched the mechanics erecting the machine and mastered its most insignificant details. When the trial flight was being prepared the men in charge of the apparatus were surprised by the receipt of a writ charging the Ford people with infringement of a patent alleged to belong to the Junkers Company, of Dessau. An embargo of the offending plane was also demanded, but this could not be executed by the civil court, which has no jurisdiction on property owned by the military. An armed guard was, therefore, mounted over the apparatus. In the meantime both sides are bringing into play the weight of their forces.

COAL MINERS' RIOTS  
IN AUSTRALIA.SIXTY-EIGHT MEN CONVICTED  
AND FINED.

Sydney, Feb. 21.  
Arising from the recent rioting at Aston Fields Colliery, sixty-eight out of seventy-two miners were convicted of charges preferred by the police in connexion with the affair, and fined varying amounts. The maximum fine was £18. Three men convicted of assaulting pit workers were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.—*Reuter*.



Madame Chan Ming-shu presenting prizes at the Inter-port fixture between the Canton Ride and the Fanling Hunt and Race Club last Sunday.

## GARRISON NEWS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
TROOPSHIP.

Although the troopship City of Marseilles arrives in port on Tuesday, and departs for India the same day, there will be no arrangements for the entertainment of the troops on board, as they will have come only from Shanghai, and will be merely details from various units. When the Neauria reaches Hongkong next Friday, with the 2nd Bn. the Wiltshire Regiment on board, there will be football matches both for the 1st and 2nd teams of the battalion. They were the first team to defeat the Loh Wah team in Shanghai after the latter had run several seasons unbeaten, and it is with the object of seeing the team in play in Hongkong that these matches have been arranged.

On the Kowloon Football Club's ground, the 2nd Wiltshire Regt. will meet the first XI of the 1st Somerset L.I. at 2.30 p.m., and the R.A. Team from Hongkong will play the 2nd XI of the Wiltshire on the Chatham Road ground at the same time. Admission will be free. The troopship will sail the same night.

**Billiards Tourney.**  
A friendly match, between those representing the New Draft and those going Home, was held in the Sergeant's Mess, of the R.E. and R. Signals on Wednesday night. S/Sgt. Pollard, the Army Snooker Champion, defeated the "old" billiards champion by over 100 points in 250. The scores were:

Old Draft.	New Draft.
Leppard	49 Cairns
Manley	100 Morgan
Guinan	100 Pitt
Trumper	100 Brewer (Sjt)
Palmer	100 Brewer (S/Sjt)
Royal	147 Pollard
	616
	643

## Golf..

The R.A.M.C. managed to retain the Hongkong Challenge Cup for another year, when they played the Artillery team at golf the other day. The cup had previously been played for on a championship basis, but the frequent wins by the R.A.M.C., and the improbability of other units capturing the trophy, made it desirable that the competition this year should be on a handicap arrangement. It was specified that any challengers for the cup should first play off before meeting the holders, but only one team turned out to try to wrest the laurels from the holders.

The Artillery produced a fine player in McFarland—a dark horse whose handicap at home was only three, but the ground was against him, and he could only finish up 8 down to Lieut. Anderson in 18 holes. The holders won all their matches, Major Harris beating Major Cheery by 9 holes, Major Lucas defeating Lieut. Musson by three holes, and Major Beamish, who was badly off-form, and was topping, just managing to get the better of Lieut. Gould by one hole.



"I say, Meadows, turn down the radiators a bit and bring in a log for the fireplace. The old outdoor urge is upon me."

## The Very Idea!

The prediction that cellulose, the raw material of paper, artificial silk, explosives, etc., may shortly be obtained from air was made by Dr. Herbert Levenstein, president of the Society of the Chemical Industry, in a lecture at the Institute of Civil Engineers, in London. He said that research had shown that sugar and cellulose came from the same foundation. Sugar had already been prepared synthetically from air and soon newspaper might be obtained similarly.

Clerk at West London—Were you drunk? Man—Yes, as far as I know.

Solicitor at Shoreditch—How much do you get a week? Man—What the wife leaves me.

Judge Cluer at Shoreditch County Court—Neurasthenia did not exist until the passing of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Willesden Magistrate—Is there any objection to this "occasional licence"? Inspector—No, air. It is for the police annual dinner.

Woman with an impediment in her speech at Tottenham of her husband—He k-k-k-kissed me. Magistrate—As a husband should do. Woman (surprised)—Indeed? Magistrate—You said "kissed," didn't you? Woman—No; k-k-k-kicked.

Tommy, aged five, was given sixpence by his uncle for being a good boy. He was told by his mother not to spend it, but to put it in his money-box. Tommy played out of doors till bed-time.

"Now," said his mother "put your sixpence in your money-box." "I can't," said Tommy. "Satan tempted me, and I spent it," I said, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and he did, and pushed me right into the shop."

A Cyprus correspondent of the Field relates the following remarkable instance of swallows seeking human aid.

For years a couple of swallows had been in the habit of building their nest in the kitchen of his house. One night, just after he had gone to bed and was reading, the two birds blew in at the window and circled furiously round his head, apparently trying to attract his attention.

Not understanding what was the matter, he got up and went to the kitchen and there found a snake busy making a meal of the young birds. When the snake was killed it was found that only one chick was left alive, and this the parents raised, the three birds leaving shortly afterwards.

The corner-stone of the Empire is just this hatred of family life: it has enabled the population of a small and outlying island to seize and populate whole continents.—*Mr. Raymond Mortimer*.

There is no real tragedy except the tragedy of the individual.—*Mr. Robert Lynd*.

A too clerical cast of liberal education would not liberate anew the soul of England, but might imprison it under varnish.—*Sir Michael Sadler*.

There is no place in the world where knowledge is so accessible as in London.—*Lord Davidson*.

Two Scots met at the club the other night. Said Mac from Angus to Mac from Aberdeen—"I hear you've just come back from the grand wedding in Rome. How did you get on? Did you do as the Romans do?" "No, man," was the answer, "Ah did the Romans."

("Pudding... not more than once or twice a week," says the Hon. Secretary, Food Education Society.)

When I was a lad  
My family had  
One axiom which they were  
fond of repeating:  
They would firmly maintain,  
And insist and explain,  
That the proof of the pudding  
consists in the eating.

Yes, when I was a kid,  
Very likely it did;  
But now that I'm older and  
ponder the question,  
I sadly incline  
To believe and opine,  
That the proof of the pudding  
is in the digestion.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending February 15, shows the following cases of infectious diseases and deaths therefrom: Plague, Madras 1 case, Colombo 2 cases, 2 deaths, Cheribon 1 case, Pnom Penh 1 death. Cholera, Calcutta 63 cases, 45 deaths, Bangkok 1 case, Pnom Penh 1 death. Smallpox, Bombay 8 cases, Baghdad 2 cases, 1 death, Bombay 112 cases, 57 deaths, Calcutta 96 cases, 63 deaths, Cochín 62 cases, 8 deaths, Karachi 5 cases, 4 deaths, Madras 89 cases, 5 deaths, Moumein 23 cases, 10 deaths, Negapatam 1 case, Rangoon 1 case, 1 death, Vizagapatam 5 cases, 1 death, Pondicherry 2 cases, 1 death, Batavia 2 cases, 1 death, Saigon 2 cases, 1 death, Macao 1 death, Shanghai 1 death, and Canton 4 cases, 2 deaths.

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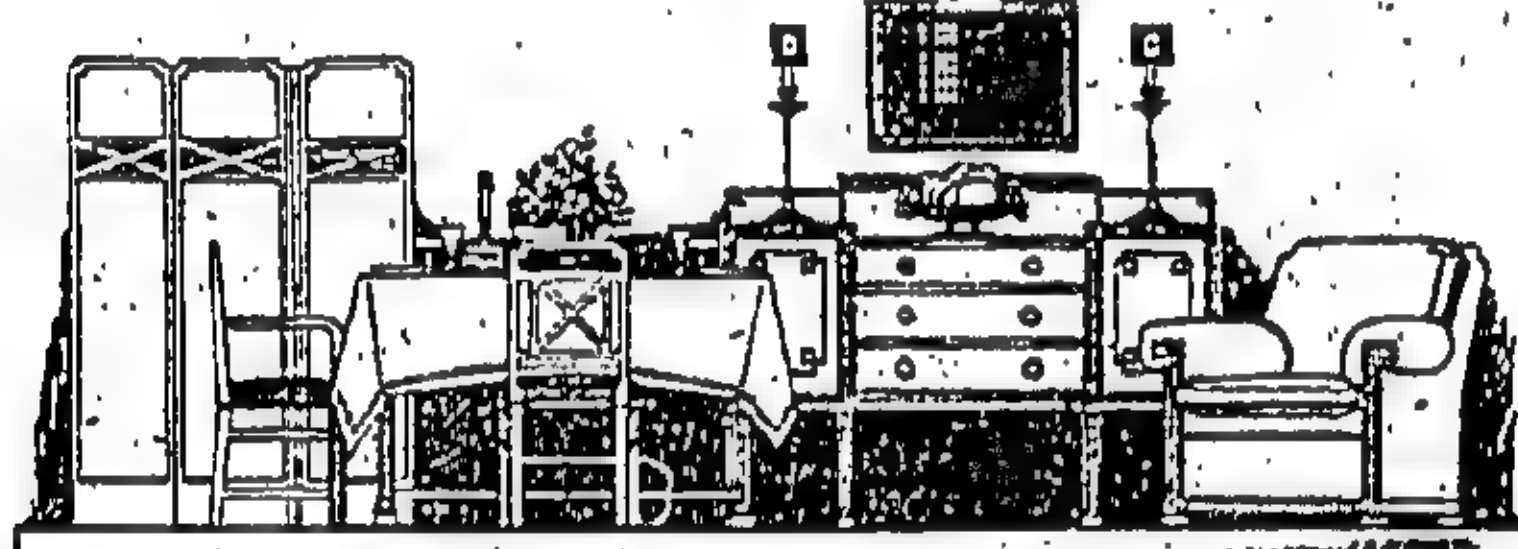
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### MEETING OF H.K.F.A. COUNCIL.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION  
LAST NIGHT.

PENALTY KICK RULING.

[By "Wanderer"]

Keen discussion was aroused by topics of more than ordinary interest at last night's meeting of the Council of the H.K.F.A.

The most important point concerned the decision of a referee, who disallowed a goal scored from a penalty owing to an infringement by the goalkeeper. It was admitted by Commander Byron, who lodged a request for a ruling, that the referee blew his whistle before the kick was actually taken, but he contended that the referee had no cause to blow his whistle.

The consensus of opinion was that the rules were quite clear and that the referee should have allowed the kick to be taken and penalised the goalkeeper if the shot failed to take effect. A leading referee, however, pointed out that it is a referee's duty to prevent infringements and that he has the power to stop the game at any time. Strictly, therefore, the referee could not be held to be wrong, though it might have been better for him to have allowed the kick to be taken.

It was decided that the course suggested by Commander Byron was the fairest and Mr. Smith undertook to see that local referees, in future, will act uniformly in the interpretation of the rule.

Chinese Athletic forfeited their right to a replay in the Senior Shield Competition, for failing to turn out on Wednesday as arranged, according to another decision made by the Council. The match was awarded to the Somerset.

It was regarded as most unfortunate that the match should have to be decided in this way, but the Council had little option in the matter. The case for consideration was very weak as the Athletic pleaded inability to field a side before they could fairly have had time to enquire from their players whether they could turn out or not.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Shield Competitions, to be played on March 3, was made, resulting as follows:

#### SENIOR SHIELD.

South China v. Royal Navy.—Club ground, 4.30.  
Somerset v. Kowloon.—Caroline Hill, 4.30.

#### JUNIOR SHIELD.

Chinese "B" v. Somerset.—Club ground, 2.30.  
Eastern v. Kowloon.—Caroline Hill, 2.30.

Mr. R. Hall, the Chairman of the Council, who is taking home leave shortly, tendered his resignation, and was warmly thanked for his services in the past two years.

Mr. J. Orniston was elected Chairman in his stead.

Messrs. Silva, A.T. Hamilton and T.G. Stokes are to be invited to join the Council to fill vacancies caused by other withdrawals.

#### TENNIS TOURNEY.

BRILLIANT GAME IN  
DOUBLES.

Brilliant tennis marked the meeting of the Li brothers and Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung in the Open Doubles tournament yesterday, when the latter pair won in straight sets.

The players, hitting hard from the very opening, effected several spectacular rallies, and the large number of spectators were deeply impressed with the display.

The Li brothers were particularly vigorous and accurate in their overhead work, whilst the Ng combination were sounder and more varied in their ground strokes.

Further decisions in the Open Singles were reached, when M. W. Lo gained entry into the third round at the expense of A. H. Johnston, and Cheng Chi-wing accomplished a similar performance in defeating Y. Hachiuma. Neither winner was seriously extended and was not called upon to surrender a set. The last tie in the first round was also decided, when F. H. Kwok beat Y. J. Khan.

Altogether the matches provided some of the most entertaining tennis yet seen in the current tournament, and indicate that the later rounds will produce some keen contests.

Yesterday's complete results were:  
Open Championship Singles (First Round).—F. H. Kwok beat Y. J. Khan, 6-2, 3-0, 6-0, 6-2.  
Second Round.—M. W. Lo beat A. H. Johnston, 6-0, 6-2, 6-4; Cheng Chi-wing beat Y. Hachiuma, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

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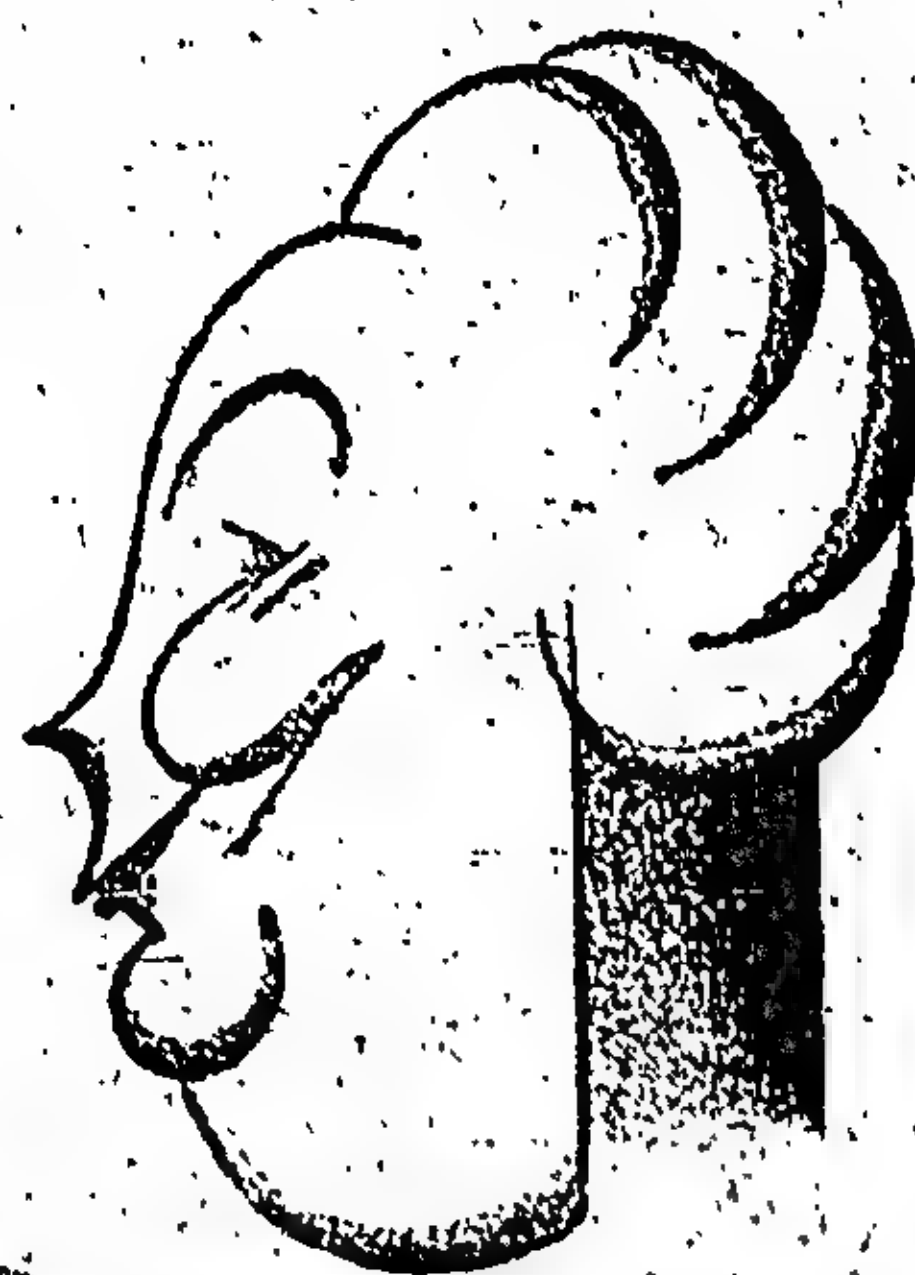
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Open Championship Doubles.  
(Second Round).—Ng Sze-kwong and Ng Sze-cheung beat Li Wai-soi and Li Woon-soi, 6-4, 7-5, 9-7.  
Club Championship. (First Round).  
—H. Owen-Hughes beat G. H. W. Churchill, 6-1, 10-8.  
Handicap Singles "B" (Second Round).—H. Graves (rec. 4/8) beat A. G. MacDonald (owe 5/6), 6-2, 6-0; G. E. R. Divett (owe 1/6) beat R. M. Wood (scr.), 6-0, 8-1.  
Handicap Doubles. (First Round).  
—A. F. Judd and M. G. Mills (rec. 15) beat C. W. Willson and C. H. Bradley (scr.), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

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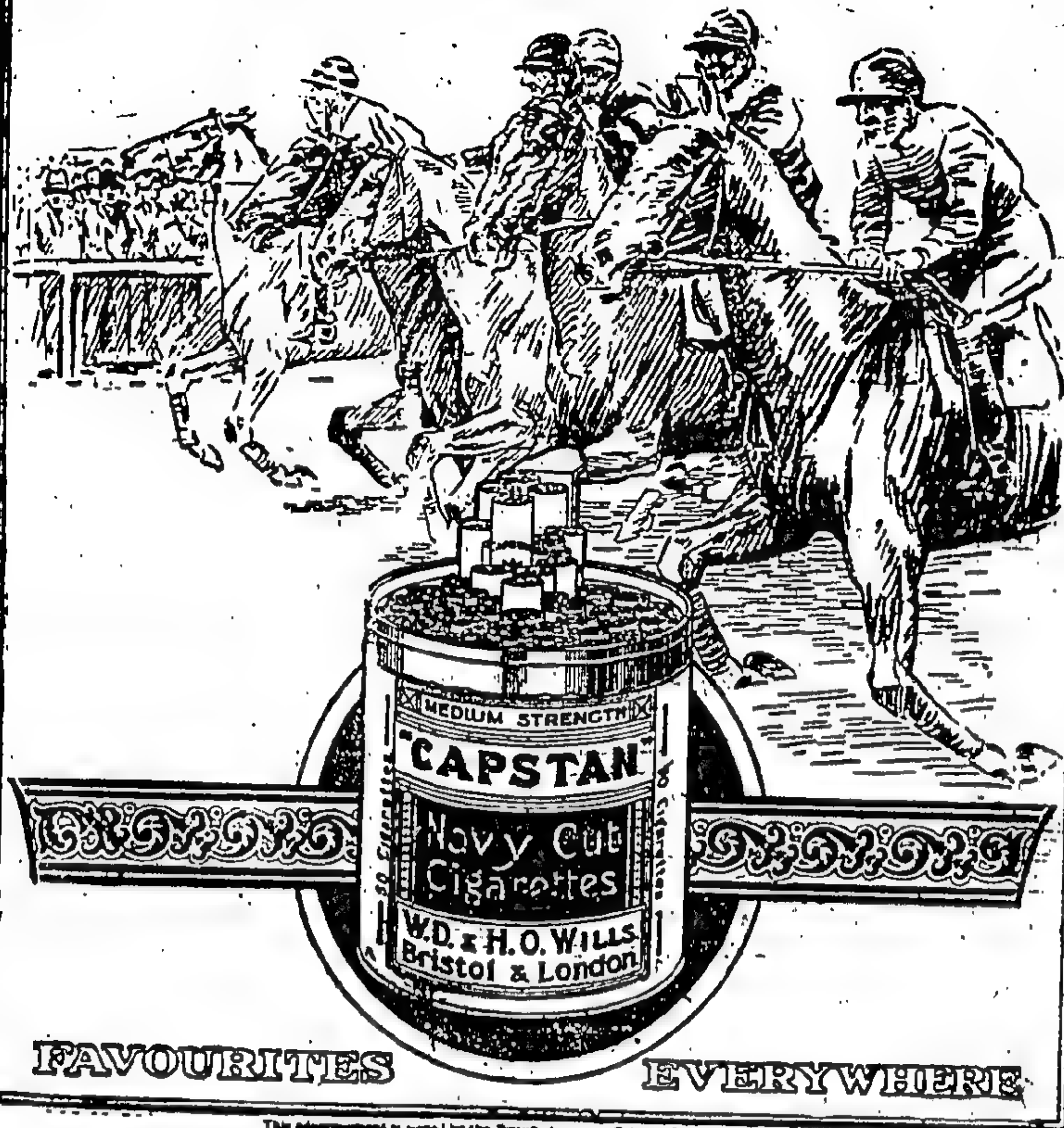
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## NOISY COMPANY MEETING.

CHAIRMAN BUSY WITH  
MALLET.

Liverpool, Jan. 26.

There were remarkable scenes at the extraordinary meeting of Morris and Jones, Ltd., the Liverpool grocery firm, yesterday, and Mr. M. C. Harman, who has been chairman since the company was reconstructed, resigned his position. Major Noel Clarke and Mr. A. Gordon Williams, directors, also resigned.

It was obvious from the moment the meeting opened that Mr. Harman and his London associates were in a hopeless minority.

Mr. Harman, who occupied the chair, had armed himself with a wooden mallet, with which he repeatedly hammered the wooden block in front of him to restore order. Rarely was the hammer out of his hand, and at times he banged the table with it for a solid minute or more. With one of his wilder blows he smashed a glass to atoms.

At one noisy period of the meeting an excited shareholder threatened to take the hammer from him.

The meeting was summoned to consider the appointment of a committee to inquire into the circumstances under which Mr. Harman and Messrs. Clarke and Williams, acting as the Finance Committee, had applied funds of the company in taking up certain investments and to remove them from the board.

### "Football Match."

Mr. Harman said he regretted that London and Liverpool had been set against each other in the affairs of the company. He objected to the introduction of the atmosphere of a football match into the dispute, to advantage being taken of the nervous state of the investing public, and to what he termed the gate-crashing methods of the Liverpool directors. He declared that he never wanted to be Chairman of the company, but his group bought 350,000 shares and he became the possessor of rather more than half the ordinary capital of the company, the majority of which he had since sold.

He said he would be delighted to be removed from the Chairmanship, and he concluded by moving the resolution for the inquiry. Mr. T. R. Jones rose to second, but before he could do so Major Noel Clarke formally seconded, and the Chairman immediately asked for a vote.

A scene of uproar followed, and eventually the resolution was carried.

Mr. T. R. Jones immediately moved the resolution removing Mr. Harman and his colleagues from the directorate. He was greeted with prolonged cheering, and the Chairman hammered with his mallet.

When some measure of quiet was restored, Mr. Harman exclaimed: "This is what I call directed hari-kari."

### Boos and a "Kiss."

He said it was perfectly clear that the shareholders did not desire him to represent them. Holding up three sheets of paper, he said: "I have accordingly accepted from my colleagues and myself our resignations, and I declare the meeting closed."

There was considerable booing at this, to which Mr. Harman replied by kissing his hand to the meeting.

Mr. Harman and Messrs. Clarke and Williams walked from the platform down the side of the room amid continual booing and shouting.

Mr. T. R. Jones afterwards addressed the meeting.

"The hand of the financier on a business generally acts as a blight," he declared, "and in a business like ours there is no room for the financier."

Mr. Murchie, another director, said that when the finance committee was appointed it was never hinted that the company's war stock would be sold and reinvested in blocks of shares of the Harman group. And it was not until recently that the Liverpool directors knew that had been done, the war

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## THE MEANINGS OF ALOHA.

SPECIAL FESTIVAL TO BE  
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Honolulu, Jan. 20.

Aloha! A new use has been found for this already overworked Hawaiian word.

The Islanders are now going to use it for their big spring festival, which will be started this year as an annual entertainment and celebration period in Honolulu. It will be known as "The Aloha Festival of Flowers and Song." The dates are April 9, 10, 11 and 12.

"Aloha" is the Hawaiian word of all meanings. It can be used for either "hello" or "goodbye." Among other things it means: How are you? Thank you; Merry Christmas; and, I love you. The Hawaiians used it to name their most popular song, and it graces Honolulu's best known landmark—Aloha Tower. The natives sing it, spell it, talk it, write it and yodel it. It is the symbol for everything Hawaiian, the first and last word in the Island dictionary.

And now—The Aloha Festival. This gala four-day period will be devoted mainly to Hawaiian music and Hawaiian flowers, and many are the events that have been programmed for the entertainment of the tourists who will come to the islands for the April festival.

A night water carnival with illuminated barges of singing boys and flower-decorated native canoes will be a feature of the festival. The champion Hawaiian singers from the outlying islands will gather in Honolulu for a song contest. An historical pageant will be enacted by the natives at Waikiki Beach. Sport contests, floral displays and a grand ball round out the programme of the Aloha Spring festival.

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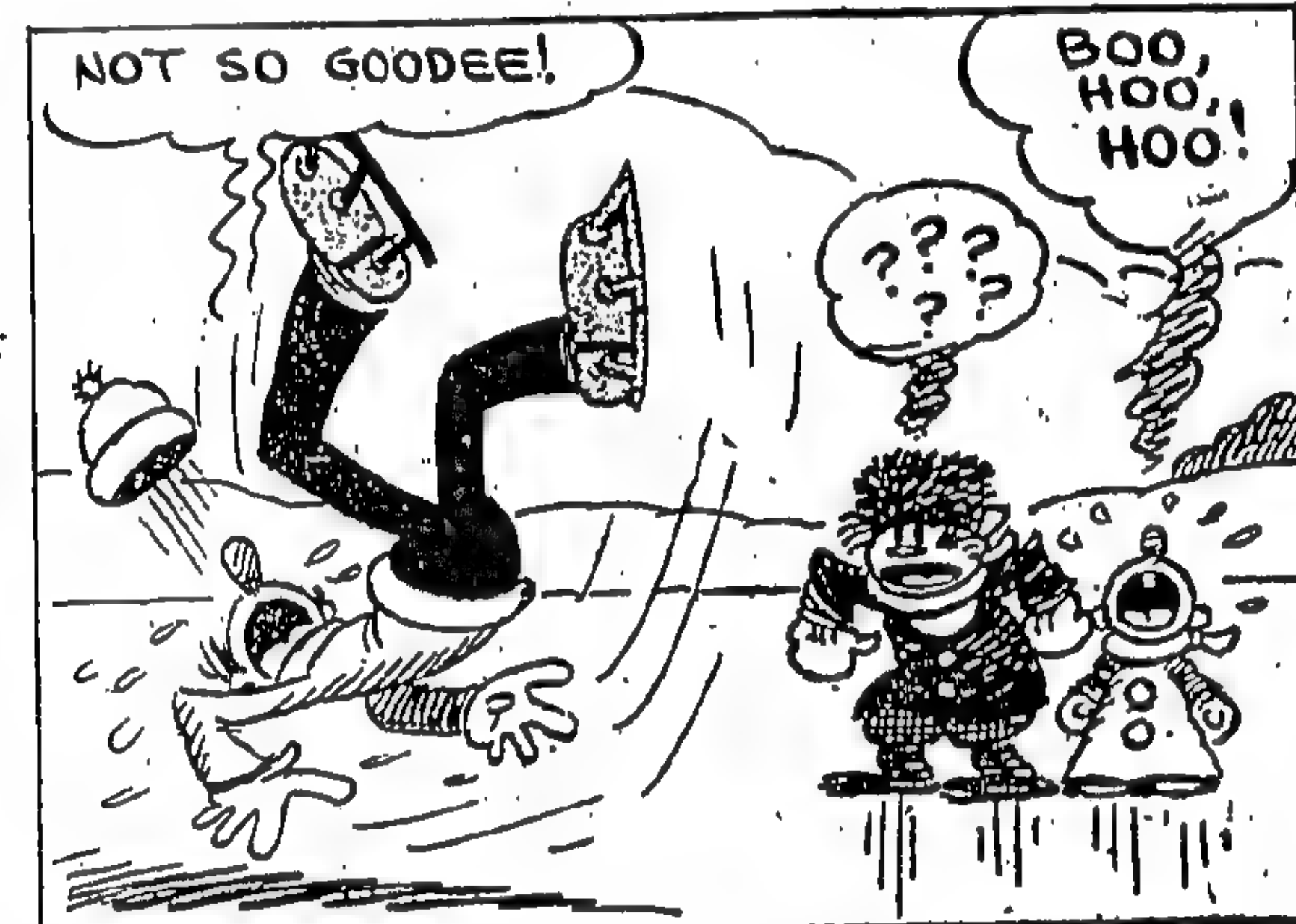
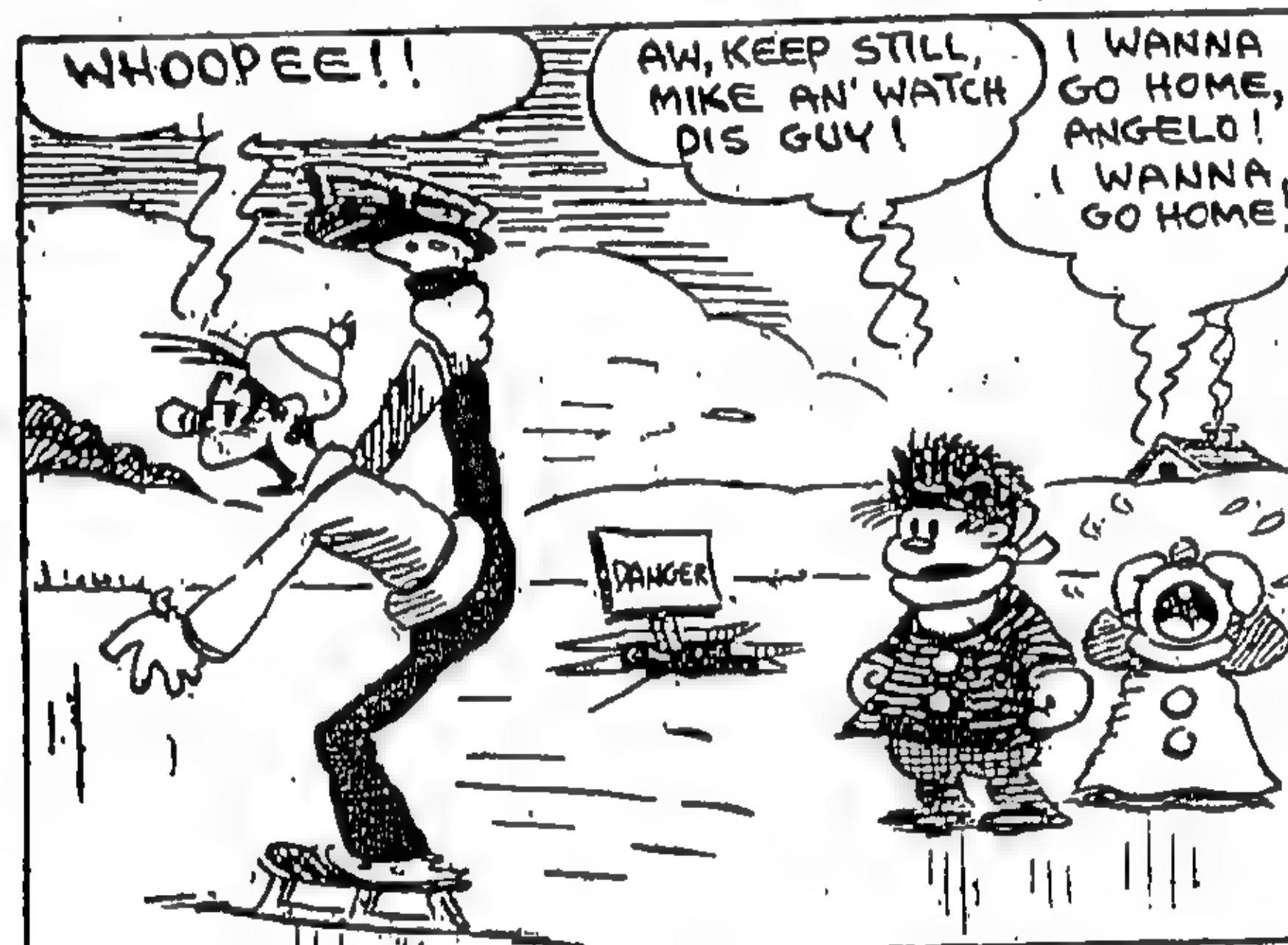
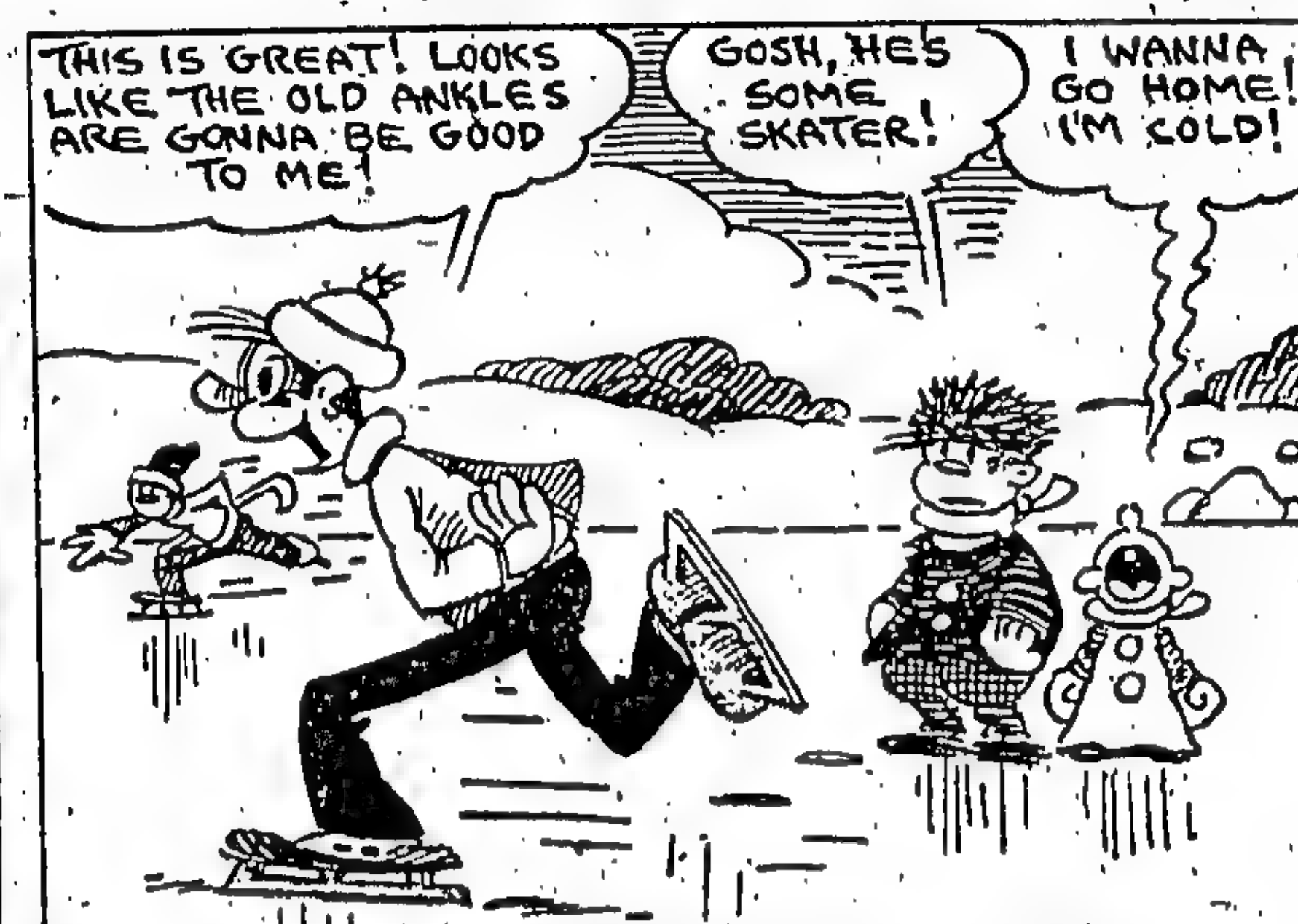
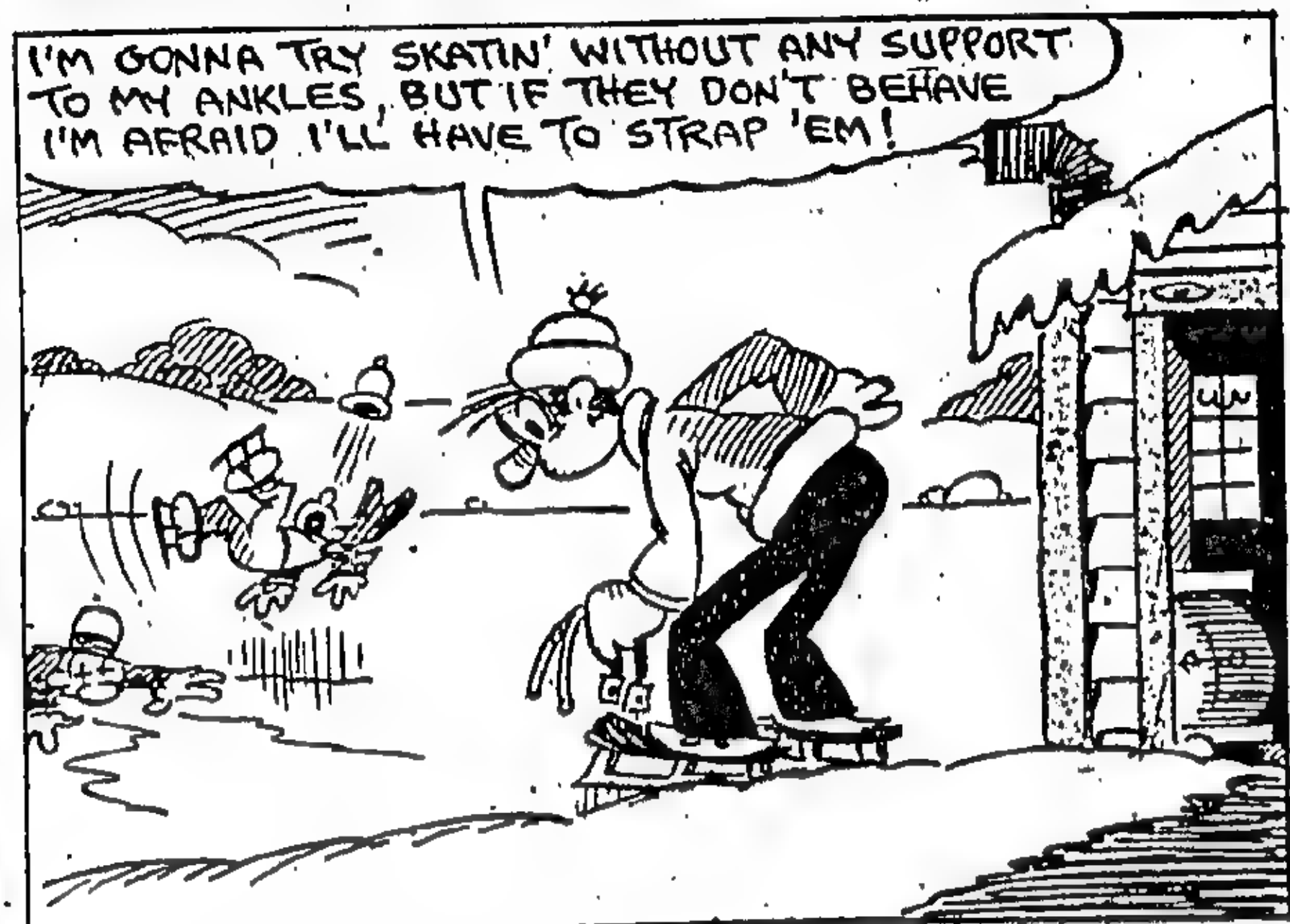
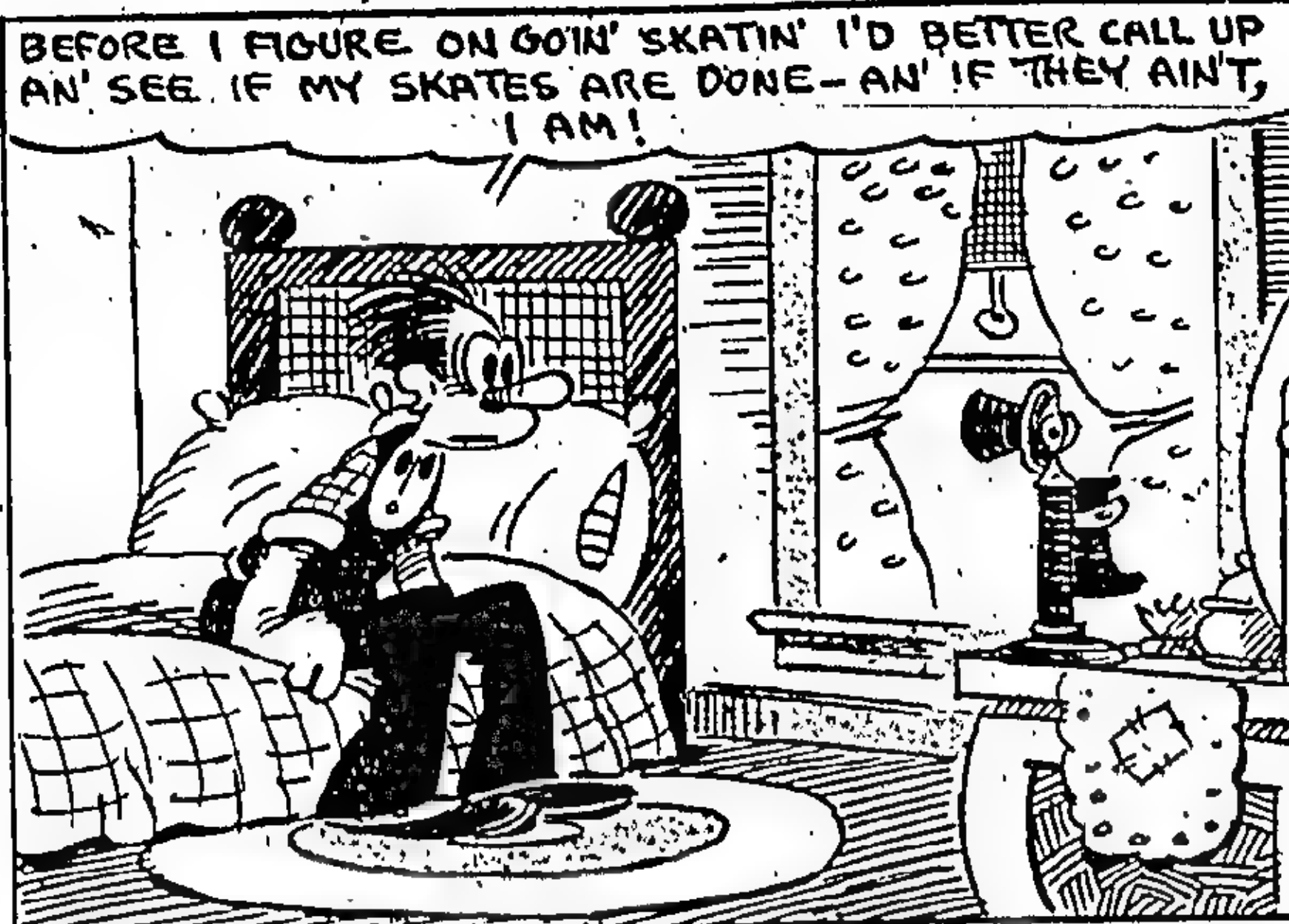
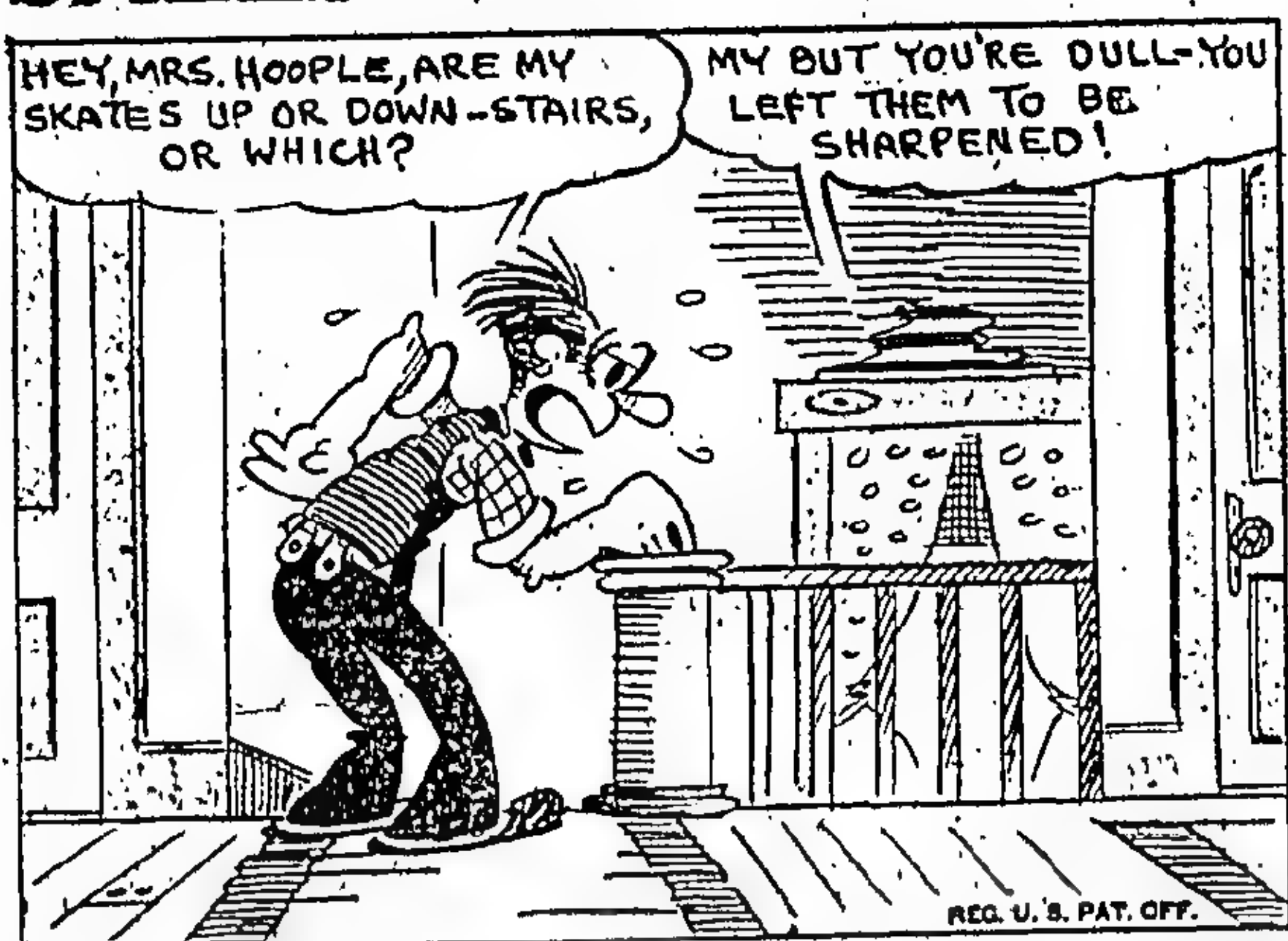
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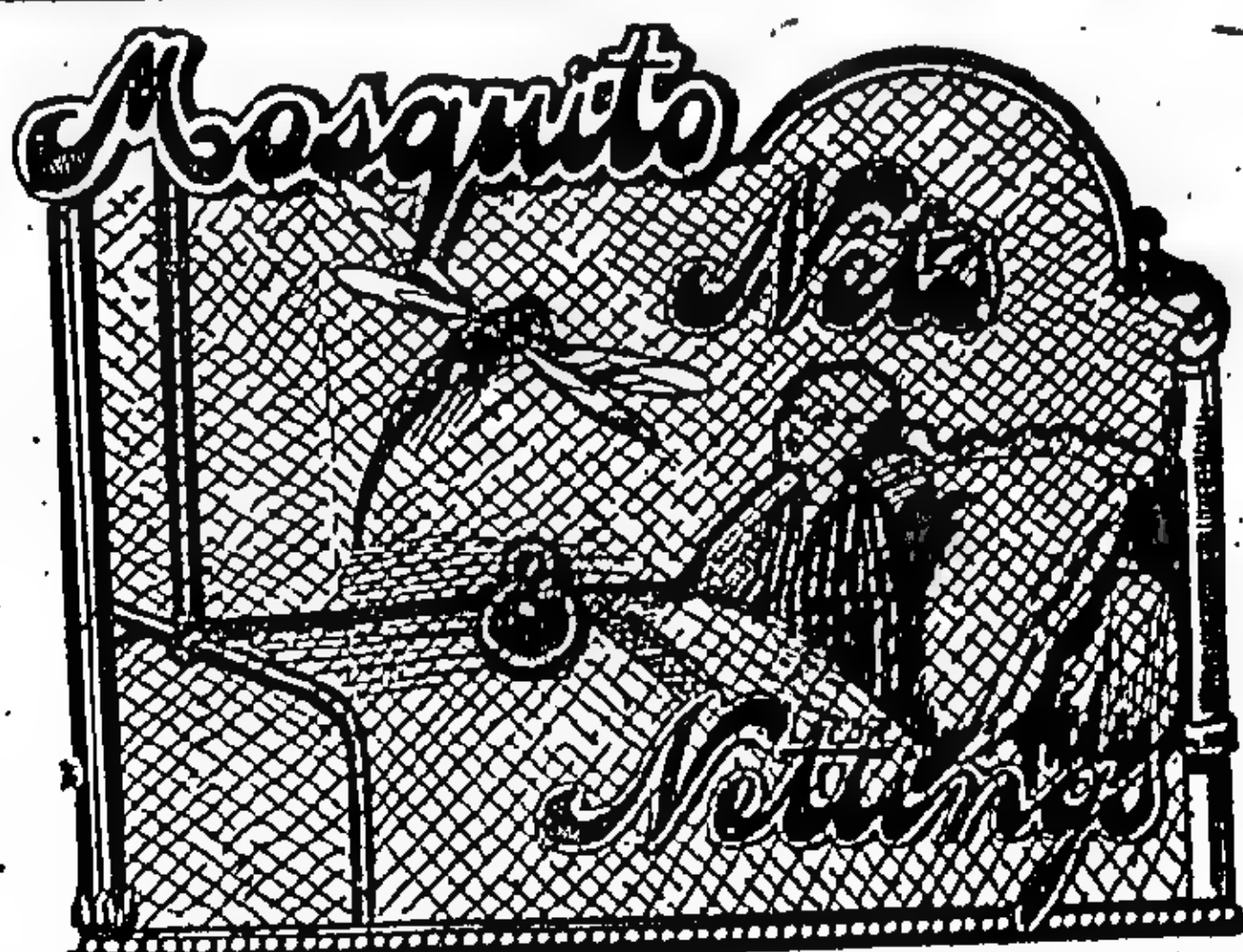
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## THE Innocent Cheat

By Ruth Dwyer Groves

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Helen Page falls in love with her handsome guardian, Leonard Brent. A chance meeting with a young beauty, Charles Nellin, causes Brent to change his plans for Helen's future. Shortly afterward he tells the girl that in accordance with a promise given her parents, he is now to renege her identity and she is the only grandchild of a millionaire, Cyril K. Cunningham. Brent takes her to his home, and she remains with him until she is accidentally killed by a car. Helen meets her brother Robert, who falls in love with her. Cunningham gives a party and announces that Helen is his dead daughter's child and his heiress. Brent finds a letter which exactly matches the one he had taken from Nellin. To avoid discovery he asks Helen not to wear her lucky dress. A few days later Eva and Helen overtake a car in the lake and Robert rescues them. While changing clothes, Eva tells Helen that she had lost an old-fashioned locket the night of her party. Fearing Robert's attention to Helen and annoyed by the demands on him for money by Carmel Sears, Brent plots to secure the girl and her inheritance for himself. The doctor has said that a shock would kill the old man and so Brent carries out a plan to make Cunningham believe that Helen has been killed.

CHAPTER XXV.

For a moment after Brent's cry of despair there was a ghastly silence in the room. From the lips of the stricken invalid on the bed there came a choking, gasping sound.

Brent, apparently lost in grief, heard it and understood its portent. He turned his head for a view of the man to whom he had dealt a death blow, but he did not go to him.

His unfortunate victim lay back on his pillow, staring in a fixed, unseeing way straight ahead. No revulsion of feeling, no mercy, came to the watcher as he saw the hand of death laid upon the aged and pallid brow of Cyril Cunningham.

It was all over in a few minutes. The dying man moved his eyes toward the end and fastened them upon Brent. The latter could see that he was striving with his last strength to speak. But the words would not come.

Then, suddenly, he raised himself in a convulsive, painful manner, flung a hand outward and in an instant sank back inert.

Brent waited, made sure that he was gone, and then calmly put his own clothing in order, smoothed his hair and went downstairs.

He met Marks in the lower hall on his way to Mr. Cunningham's room. Brent detained him with

questions about what had been done in regard to his car. Marks told him that he had sent the gardener and his son to get it to Bramblewood.

Brent thanked him and started on. Pausing a few steps away he turned back and said: "I left Mr. Cunningham sleeping; he said he was tired."

"You assured him Miss Nellin was unhurt?" Marks inquired anxiously.

"Matter of fact," Brent said lightly, "didn't tell him there had been an accident at all. I merely said that Miss Nellin was detained downstairs by some friends who came in just as we arrived. I thought it better to do that as he looked rather bad."

Marks nodded in approval of his thoughtfulness and went on upstairs.

Brent took himself to the library and settled down with a newspaper while he waited for the result of Marks' discovery that Mr. Cunningham was dead.

It was not long in coming. Brent could hear him coming down the stairs calling out something that his excitement made almost unintelligible. He got up and went to the door.

"Anything wrong, Marks?" he called in a tone of uneasiness.

"Mr. Cunningham is unconscious," Marks cried. "I could not rouse him. He may be dead."

"No!" Brent exclaimed in well-feigned horror.

"I'll call Dr. Ralston," Marks said brokenly, and hurried over to the telephone that stood upon the large table in the centre of the room.

"Give me the number; I'll attend to it," Brent told him. "You go back and see if there isn't something you can do for him."

"I'm afraid it's too late," Marks despaired. "I've done all I can. If I'd been there when the attack came on..." His voice trailed away as he ran back up the stairs, hoping in spite of his knowledge that he might somehow revive the dead man.

Brent went up a few minutes later and managed to appear greatly shocked. He was standing near the window when he heard his car driven up to the house. He remarked to the others in the room—

Ashe and the housekeeper as well as Marks—that he would go down and break the sad news to Miss Nellin before she saw her grandfather.

He was descending the stairs when Helen entered the lower hall. She saw at once that something was amiss. "What is it?" she cried in alarm.

"Don't come up," Brent said as she placed a foot on the first tread; "I've something to tell you."

Helen waited and Brent came down and took her by the arm, to lead her to the library.

"My grandfather?" she appealed. "Is he worse?"

"Yes, dear; he is worse—or should we say that he is better? For he is beyond further suffering."

"Oh," Helen wailed, "he is dead!" Her eyes were pleading with Brent to deny it, but he solemnly nodded his head in affirmation.

He reached out his arms and Helen took refuge in them. Gently he enfolding her and held her while the first shock lasted. Then Helen tore herself away from him and ran to the stairs. Brent did not protest her going.

He remained downstairs and himself admitted Dr. Ralston who arrived a few minutes later.

"We fear that Mr. Cunningham is dead, doctor," he said simply when he greeted the medical man.

"Come up with me," Dr. Ralston said, wishing to question him. Before they reached the death chamber Brent had told him all that he had decided to tell anyone.

They found Helen weeping over her grandfather's body and Brent helped the doctor loosen her hands and get her out of the room. The housekeeper went with them and persuaded Helen to go to her own room where later the doctor came in to see her and talk to her in a kindly way that eased her sorrow a great deal.

Brent had planned to stay at Bramblewood that night but when he learned that the housekeeper had sent for Eva Ennis, thinking Helen would want her closest friend with her, he decided otherwise.

He could not go before she came, however. Marks and Ashe, and even Dr. Ralston, turned to him as the one who would naturally take charge of all arrangements for the funeral. Knowing that Eva was expected, he was anxious to get away but one detail following another kept him there.

Dr. Ralston, he learned, had been told by Mr. Cunningham that Helen had been his ward for years and Brent did not wish to shift any of his newly-acquired responsibility.

He met Eva at the late dinner that was served for them alone.

## MEATLESS MOSCOW.

PEASANTS SLAUGHTERING THEIR CATTLE.

Riga, Nov. 21.

The Soviet enforcement of "Communal" agriculture has resulted in the wholesale slaughter of cattle, sheep and pigs by the peasants, who consume the meat themselves before joining the "collective" farms.

The cattle in some districts, particularly the Lower Volga and Caucasus, have decreased fifty per cent. in the last few months.

The peasants near the Persian frontier are disposing of their herds by driving them into Persia.

The slaughter, which is contrary to the Soviet orders, has resulted in a great shortage of meat in the towns, and considerable discontent at Moscow, owing to the authorities' decision to introduce ten meatless days a month.

Reuter.

Dr. Ralston had gone and Helen had been put to bed.

Brent endeavored to avoid Eva's glance but he could feel that her eyes were searching his face for an answer to his coldness. He felt he must give some explanation.

"Helen's affairs have required a lot of looking after lately," he said more or less casually, "and now that Mr. Cunningham is dead I shall not have any time for myself at all."

Eva drew in her breath, hesitated and then said with a courage that surprised herself: "You mean for me?"

Brent shrugged, attempted to smile apologetically and rather dismally failed. "It is the same thing," he said.

Eva smiled back at him but in her heart there was an icy chill. His words had not rung true.

"And I've been apartment hunting," Brent went on, as though Eva were demanding a fuller explanation. He spoke impatiently, annoyed at the position he was in with this childishly direct young girl.

Eva said nothing. "I had intended to occupy it alone," Brent continued, "but now I suppose I shall become Helen's guardian again. She won't want to live here at Bramblewood I am sure."

"She has said she would like to travel," Eva ventured.

"Yes?"

"She has offered," Eva told him, "to finance my studies abroad."

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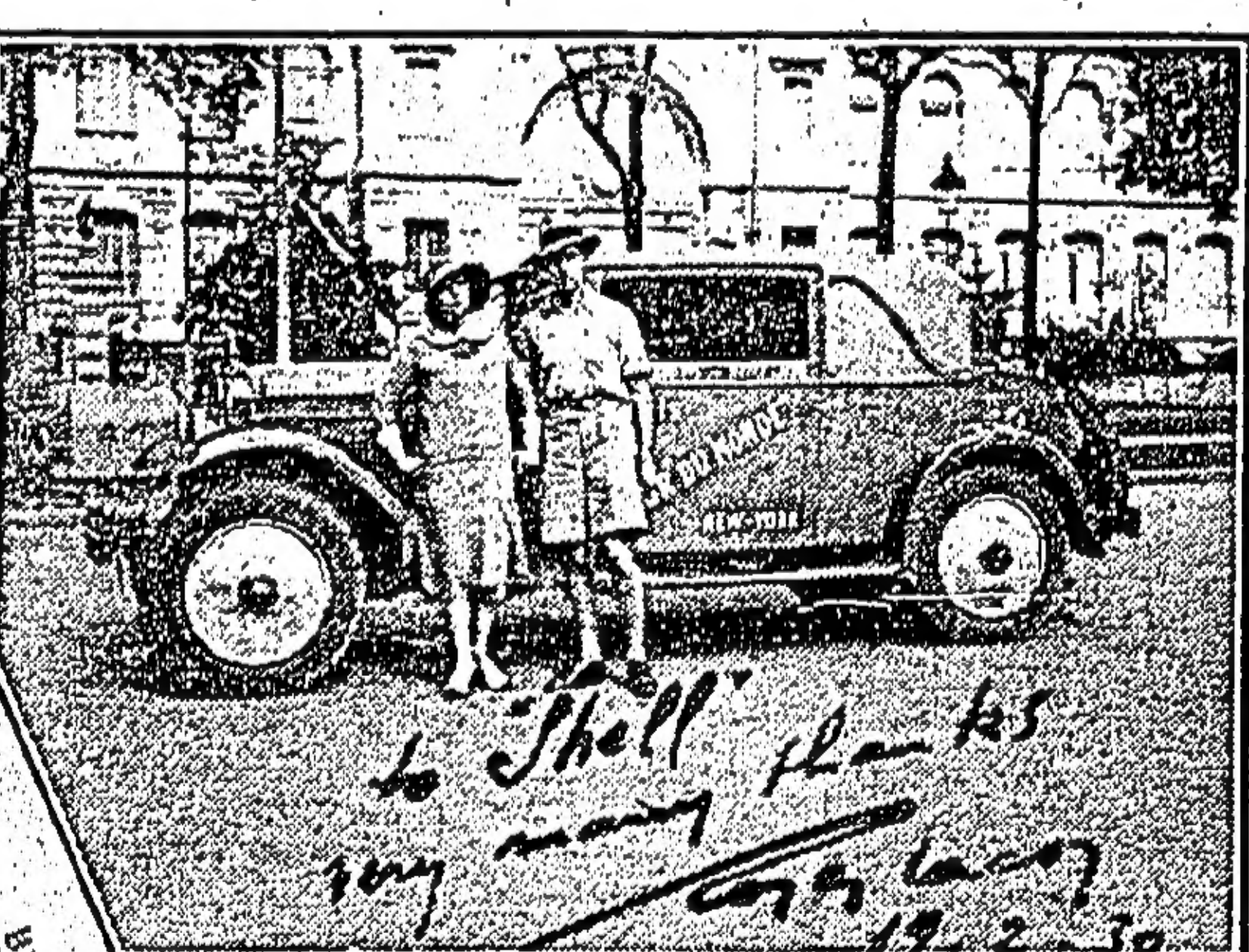
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The attention of the community of Cheung Chau was largely attracted on Thursday afternoon when the Cheung Chau Government School had its annual prize distribution before a large gathering of parents, guardians, masters and boys, the Kalfongs and many friends.

Mr. E. Ralphs, the Director of Education, who was asked to give away the prizes, came to the island with Captain Dicken, the Inspector of Schools of the Malay States, per the Motor Vessel Sun Chau, being received at the wharf by the Head Master, Mr. Hon Kau Fung, who then accompanied them to the school.

The Head Master led the guests to the Hall where the seating capacity was taxed to the full.

The Head Master read his report for the year 1929, and Mr. Ralphs then replied speaking with appreciation of the work of the school. He expressed the hope that in future the school would be provided with a suitable football ground, a covered shed, and Government quarters for the masters to live in. He added that he would be pleased if the boys paid more attention to speaking and writing English.

At the conclusion, hearty cheers were accorded to the Director of Education and the Head Master.

### The Report.

The report of the Head Master, stated, *inter alia*—

Attendance.—The maximum enrolment during the year was 74, and the average attendance of the whole school was 55.23, as against 54 and 46 respectively in 1928. This was 20 boys more than the previous year. During the year 49 new boys were admitted into the various classes, and the school had its highest record of numbers since its foundation some twenty years ago. This was due to the fact that we had a well-equipped school building, and an efficient staff. We could have admitted more now

boys had many of the applicants been found proficient in Chinese at the Entrance Examination.

Building and Equipment.—The brick building of the school has been much admired by all who visited us. All classrooms are well ventilated and equipped with up-to-date desks and benches. Maps, pictures and apparatus demand more improvement. The playground has much been used by the pupils in playing Volley-Ball and Basket-Ball. At present the school is urgently in need of a covered shed for the boys to rest and play during recess time. It would be better still if two or more swings could be provided on the adjoining ground for the boys to take recreation. The large piece of ground on the south-eastern side of the school should be developed into a lawn tennis court. In future years it is our intention to turn the southern slope of the school grounds into a garden, as suggested by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, on his visit to the school in December last. The students' library should be improved a great deal, both financially and materially.

Discipline.—The manners of the boys and the discipline of the school continue to be very good and satisfactory. Pains-taking efforts have been taken to overcome street influences and village environments.

Organisation.—There were four classes formed this year. These were Classes 6, 7, 8a and 8b. During Vernacular lessons, as there was only one Vernacular Master in the school, Classes 8a and 8b had to be combined into one, and 6 and 7 into another. This seemed very unsatisfactory, but under the circumstances, it could not be avoided. In future when the number justifies, we hope to be able to have an additional Vernacular Master appointed to our Staff.

Health.—The health of the school was very good during the year. Fewer cases of malarial fever and ague were reported than previously. This was largely due to the good situation of the school, in an airy location from the village. Yet cases of trachoma were occasionally found among the children from the fishing fleet. All boys were vaccinated once or twice at the beginning of year. Hygiene was

## THE U.S. MINISTER.

### RETICENT REGARDING VISIT TO NANKING.

Nanking, Feb. 21.

The U.S. Minister, Mr. Johnson, arrived this morning from Peking by rail.

He is reticent regarding the purpose of his hurried visit, merely saying he is here on one of his regular visits to the capital. —Reuter.

well taught.

Studies.—The year's work has proved to be very satisfactory. At the Annual Examination, 61 boys presented themselves for Examination, and 50, or 82% passed in English, 51 or 83.6% passed in Chinese.

Athletics.—The boys have always shown keen interest in sports. At present the school is in need of a suitable football ground, and it is earnestly hoped that the Government will take steps to provide us with one in the near future. Swimming has been popular among our boys during the summer season.

General.—The boys have little chance to hear Englishmen speak English and it would be good if a gramophone with English-speaking records, which plays a very important part among school apparatus of a modern language school, could be provided for the benefit of the boys. Most boys, after having finished a course in Class 6 here, find it financially difficult to proceed to Hongkong schools, so efforts made to start a Class 5, which have been approved by the Director of Education, will be very gratifying. This, of course, will be a new era in the history of the school and in turn lead the school to a path of prosperity and advancement.

Some masters have occasionally been suffering from malarial fever. This is undoubtedly due to the unhealthy houses they live in in the village. It is earnestly hoped that the Government will kindly provide them with free quarters to be erected near the school so that they may live healthily and in constant touch with the school.



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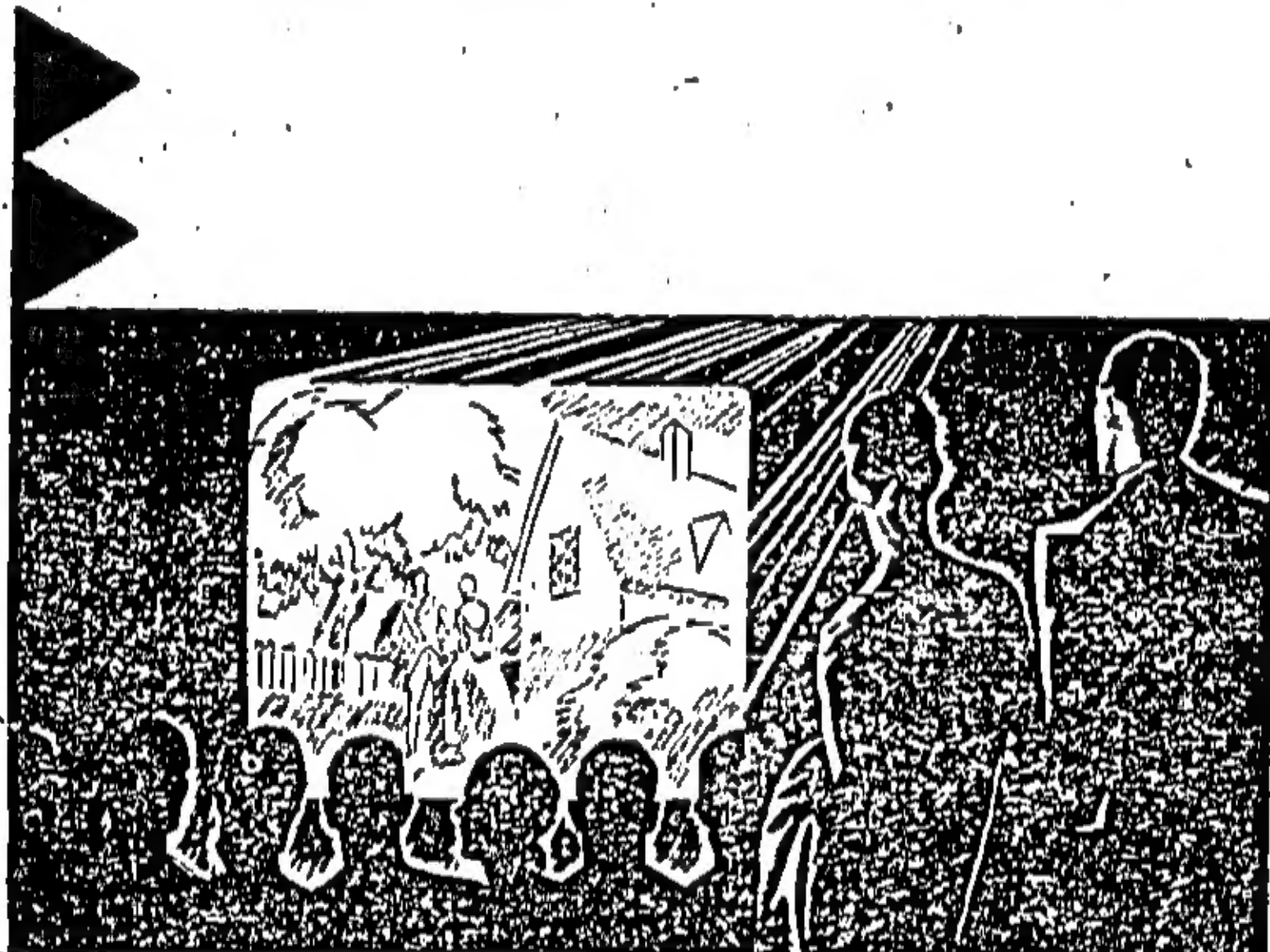
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## NAVAL ISSUES.

BRITAIN HAS GONE TO  
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London, Feb. 21.

It is understood that M. Briand will return to the London Naval Conference as head of the French delegation. His principal colleagues are expected to be M. M. Albert Sarraut, who attended the Washington Conference, and Pietre and Danielou, who is president of the Briand group in the Chamber of Deputies.

Although Conference stands adjourned until Wednesday, experts are daily continuing examination of the question of special ships not falling into any clearly defined category, and expect to be able to complete their report for the First Committee by the time the conference resumes.

The Times to-day says:—"The British and American memoranda (part of message missing) shows that this is going to be an even more difficult matter than was expected, especially as some of the figures, if they were translated into actual tonnage, would involve a very considerable increase in the programmes contemplated by Great Britain and the United States. But while no Power can be expected to make any concession really imperiling its security, all the Powers may fairly be asked to consider whether the international outlook for the next five years does not justify greater readiness to reduce their armaments than some of them have yet shown, and whether either their security or their naval and political prestige will really be endangered by accepting compromises which, if they should prove unsatisfactory, can be reviewed at the next conference in 1936 in the light of the situation as it then presents itself. Great Britain, by suspending work on the Singapore Base, and by drastic cuts in her constructive programme, has already gone to the extreme length in the way of reduction. During the adjournment of the conference, other Powers might usefully ask themselves whether they can not come some way in the same direction."—British Wireless.

## SOVIET METHODS.

RUSSO-GERMAN TRADING  
CONCERN HARASSED.

Berlin, Feb. 21.

The German Ambassador to Moscow is still making representations with a view to the removal of the difficulties which the Soviet authorities are allegedly creating for the Russo-German Trade Association (known as Drusag) largely controlled by the German Government.

There is much indignation in Germany owing to the alleged systematic harrying of what is described as a model concession, immediately it began to earn profits, supposedly with a view to reducing it to financial straits.

It is declared that the Soviet local authorities have threatened distraint on its goods, without the slightest legal justification; while the trade union Rostoffond has claimed from the company a levy of three per cent. on the wages of all its workers, retrospective for two years, although they do not belong to the union.—Reuter.

## HONGKONG ESTATES.

ADMINISTRATION OF THREE  
LOCAL PROPERTIES.

Mr. Thomas Norman Symons, en-

gineer, formerly of Prye Estate, Province Wellesley, Straits Settlements, who died at Gwynfryn Up-lands, Swansea, on March 16, 1927, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$14,800. In his will he appointed Margaret Louisa Symons, widow, executrix, and George Oliver Wellesley Symons, son, executor. Mrs. Symons, to whom probate was granted on November 22, 1927, died at the end of the following month before she had fully administered the estate and administration was taken over by the son.

Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley, who is attorney for the son.

In his will, testator bequeathed everything to his widow and directed that on her death the property should be equally divided among three sons or their heirs.

## Chinese Estates.

Local estate worth \$4,200 was left by Woo Ku-hing, alias Woo Yun-shing, banker, who died intestate at No. 47, Chu Kwong San Street, Canton, on March 28, 1929. Letters of administration have been granted to Woo Sul-man, living at No. 7, Bonham Strand East. Letters of administration to the estate of Tam Yu-sung alias Tam Chai-mi, alias Tam Shau-yik, late of Shui Nam Village, San Wui District, who died intestate on March 8, 1929, and left \$3,300, have been granted to his nephew Tam Yu, bank assistant, of No. 7, Bonham Strand East.

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WITH AMERICANS.

Washington, Feb. 21.

An attack on the Cunard Company for trying to "skim the cream" of the winter tourist business to Cuba—from the Americans, was made in the House of Representatives by the Republican, Mr. Wallace White, chairman of the House of Representatives Merchant Marine Committee.

Mr. White described the Cunard competition to Cuba as unfriendly, and asked Congress to protest against it.

He also denounced the preferential customs tariff granted by Canada on shipments through Canadian ports, as another discrimination against United States shipping.—Reuter's American Service.

## LADIES' GOLF.

MEDAL COMPETITIONS AT  
FANLING.

A Medal Competition was held over the New Course, Fanling, last Tuesday, for cups presented by the United Services Ladies.

The first prize was won by Mrs. Sheldon, 84—8=76, the runner-up being Mrs. Sherry, 93—14=79.

A prize was presented by the Club for a Medal Competition open to Service members on the New Course on the same day. Mrs. Steel-Perkins won, 95—20=75.

After tea, the prizes were presented, and a group photograph was taken.

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The "William Tell" overture will be broadcast by ZBW to-night at 9 p.m., the remainder of the programme consisting of dance music. To-morrow the morning service from St. Joseph's Church will be relayed, the evening programme consisting of a well balanced selection of gramophone records. The week-end programmes, to be broadcast on a wavelength of 855 metres, are given below.

## To-day's Programme.

11-11.30 a.m. Commercial news.  
12-1 p.m. Demonstration programme.

1.48 p.m. Weather report.

7 p.m.-9 p.m. Experimental programme.

9 p.m. Overture "William Tell" and local football results.

9.15-11.30 p.m. Programme of dance music. Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Co.

11.30 p.m. Close down.

## To-morrow's Programme.

10.00 a.m. Morning service relayed from St. Joseph's Church:

1.—Holy Mass:

(a) Kyrie.

(b) Sermon: "The Soul in Doubt," by Rev. Father Gallagher S.J.

(c) Offertory.

(d) Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

(e) Post-Communion.

2.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

(a) Salutaris.

(b) Tantum Ergo.

(c) Adoremus.

11.00 a.m. Chinese programme.

1.48 p.m. Weather report.

9.00-10.30 p.m. Programme of Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Tsang Fook Piano Company.

"In Springtime-Overture," Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"La Partida (The Departure)," E. Eliscu-F. M. Alvarez.

"El Canto del Presidio (The Convict's Song)," Emilio De Gogorza.

"Fantasia," (Mozart), Dr. Harold Darke.

"Rheingold-Abendlich Straht Der Sonne Auge," (Wagner), Friedrich Schorr.

"Pastoral Symphony," (Handel), "I. How Lovely Are the Messengers," 2. See the Conquering Hero Comes.

Victor Concert Orchestra.

"Valse Brillante," (Chopin, Op. 18).

"Valse Caprice," (Rubinstein), Ignace Jan Paderewski.

"Festival To Deum," (Dudley Buck), Trinity Choir.

"Kreutzer Sonata," Sonata No. 9 in A Major, (Beethoven, Op. 47).

Isolde Merges-Arthur De Greef.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

## EMPIRE AFFAIRS.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES  
IN LONDON.

London, Feb. 21.

It is considered probable that economic rather than political problems will be the main concern of the Imperial Conference, which will open in London on September 30, and that the work of the Imperial Economic Conference, which will meet about the same time, will be merged in it.

The Colonial Conference, which will deal with questions in connexion with the administration of the Crown Colonies, will also meet in London this year, probably in June or July. The last colonial conference was held in 1927, and as on that occasion, the Governors and Administrators will be the chief delegates.—British Wireless.

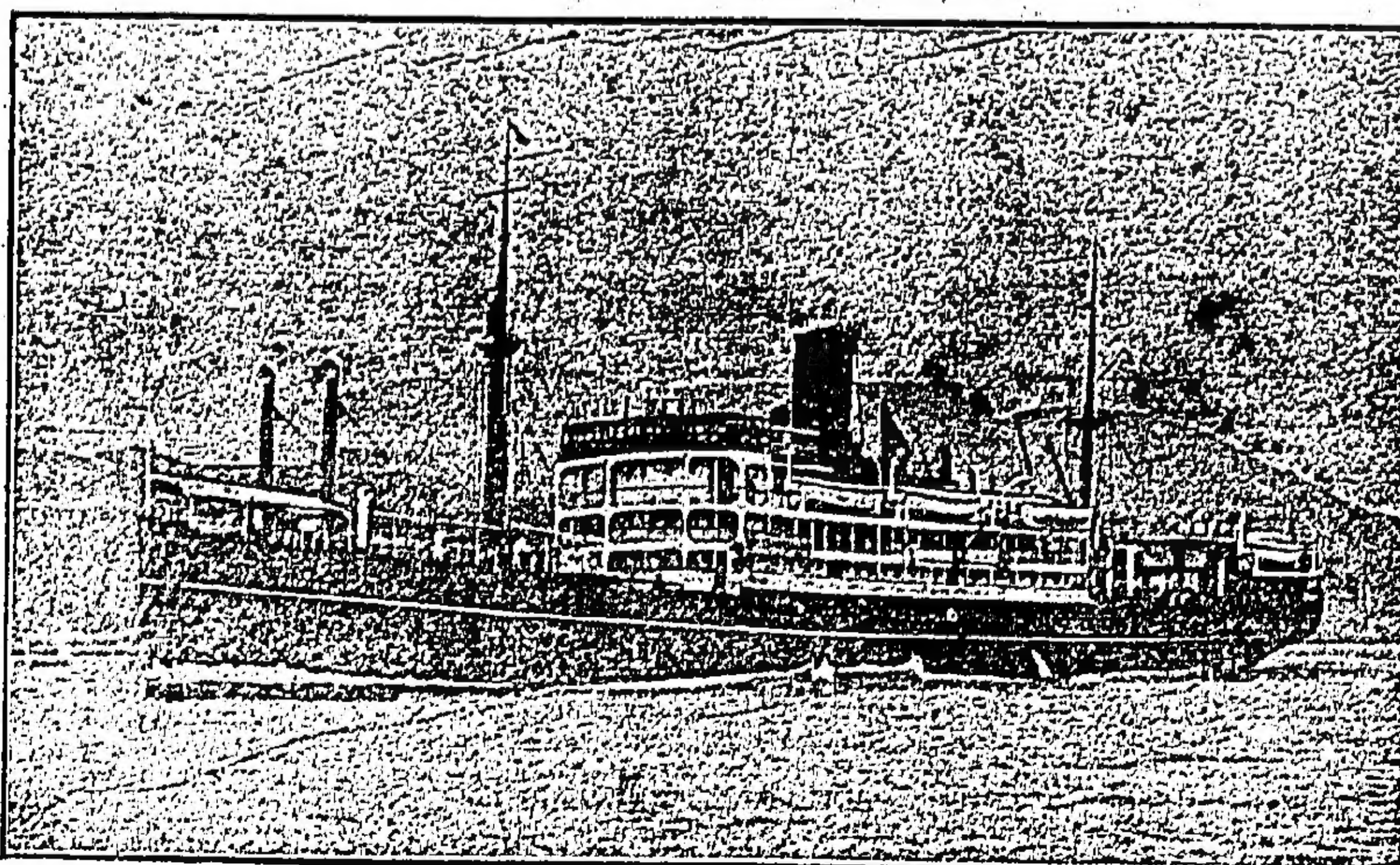
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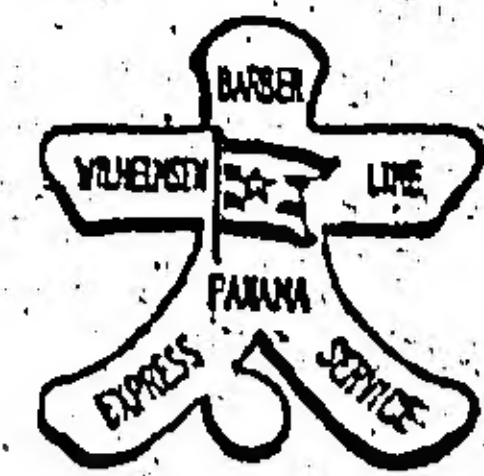


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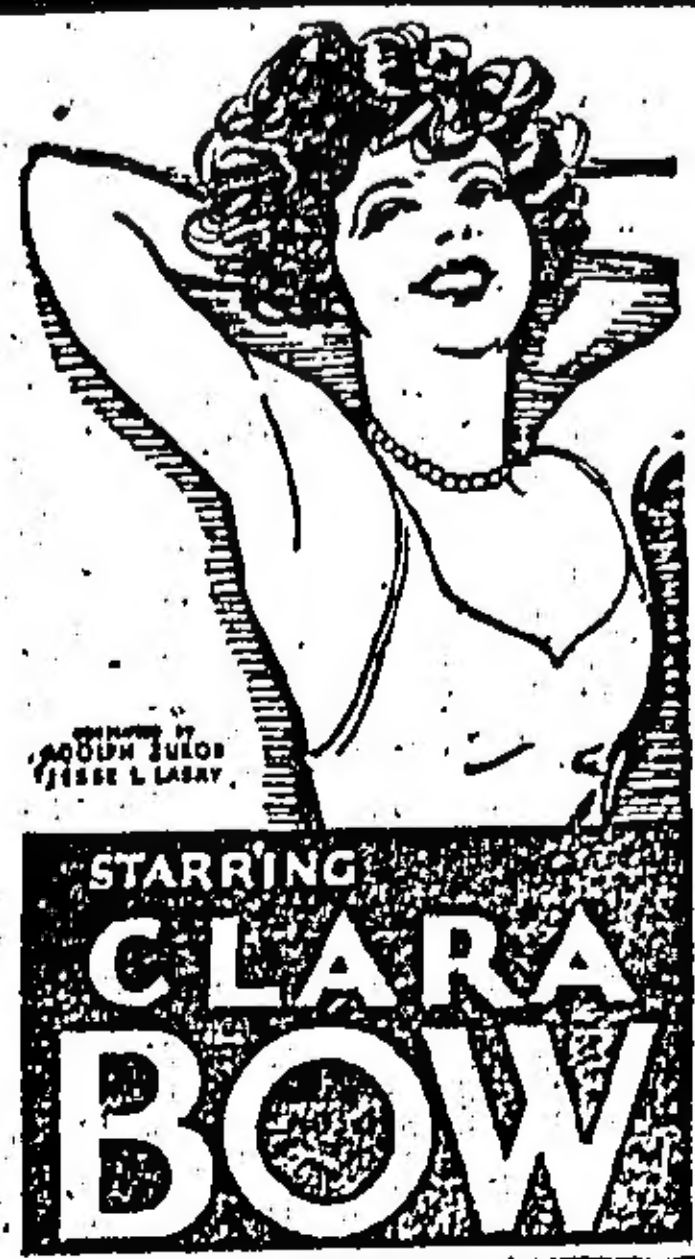
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## BOMB THROWING IN FOOCHOW.

SPECIAL NANKING ENVOY  
INJURED.

### UNEASINESS IN CITY.

Foochow, Feb. 21.  
Another dastardly outrage by  
anti-Nanking conspirators has  
shocked the community here. Mr.  
Chang Chun, the envoy specially  
sent from Nanking to assist Ad-  
miral Yang Shu-chang in settling  
affairs in Fukien, is now in hospi-  
tal suffering from minor injuries  
caused by a bomb, which was  
thrown into his temporary residence  
in Foochow.

The outrage occurred late on  
Thursday evening, the day follow-  
ing the attack on the Admiral's car,  
which resulted in the wounding of  
his A.D.C. and chauffeur.

Details of the bomb-throwing are  
not yet available, but it is un-  
derstood that considerable damage was  
caused to the premises.

Much uneasiness is felt in the city  
following these outrages and the  
receipt of news to the effect that the  
Nanking Government has counter-  
manded its order for the despatch  
of troops to Fukien. The troops  
intended for Fukien, it is un-  
derstood, have been sent up the Tien-  
tsin-Pukow Railway, in view of the  
new threat by the Kuomintang.

### CHIANG SUPPORTED.

KWANGTUNG KUOMINTANG'S  
LOYALTY.

Canton, Feb. 21.  
Following General Yen Hsi-  
shan's long telegram to Marshal  
Chiang Kai-shek, urging him to  
resign, the Kwangtung Provincial  
Party of the Kuomintang has sent  
the following wire to the President  
at Nanking:

"It is astonishing that Yen Hsi-  
shan has urged you to resign, but  
as you have been entrusted by both  
the Party and country with the  
heavy responsibilities of looking  
after the nation's affairs, you are  
not at liberty to retire, but to fol-  
low the advice of the Party. More-  
over, the reactionaries are not yet  
entirely suppressed, while the peo-  
ple await for relief of their anxie-  
ties. It is earnestly hoped that you  
will continue to strive on behalf  
of the Party and the country, thus  
exterminating all the reactionary  
elements and completing the unif-  
ication of the country. All the com-  
rades of Kwangtung Province are  
pledging their loyalty to support  
the Central Government, so as to  
complete the Revolutionary task."  
—Our Own Correspondent.

### WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

JUMPS OVERBOARD FROM  
FERRY.

While the ferry Man Keung was  
on her way from Hongkong to  
Shamshui last night, a Chinese  
woman, who was travelling third-  
class, was seen to throw herself  
overboard.

The incident happened off the  
A.P.C. installation at Taiakotsui.  
Upon an alarm being given, the  
ferry was stopped and a search  
made, in conjunction with No. 5  
Police Launch which happened to  
be in the vicinity.

No trace was found of the  
woman, and it is believed that she  
was drowned.

### CYCLE NUISANCE.

RECKLESS RIDERS MAY  
BE CANED.

"You people are becoming a  
perfect nuisance. You are a  
danger to yourself and to others."  
So said Mr. Hamilton at the Cen-  
tral Police Court this morning in  
reprimanding a Chinese lad who  
was charged with recklessly riding  
a bicycle.

His Worship hinted that he  
would have to order the cane as a  
means of putting an end to what  
had become a frequent offence.

In the present case, a fine of \$10,  
with the alternative of 12 strokes  
with the rattan, was inflicted.

### AUSTRALIA LIFTS A REGULATION.

GOOD WORK OF THE HEALTH  
BUREAU.

Geneva, Feb. 21.  
The Australian Government has  
informed the Far Eastern Health  
Bureau of the League of Nations  
that a bill of health will, in future,  
not be required of ships entering  
Australian ports owing to the  
epidemiological information now  
available.—Reuter.

The opening rate of the dollar  
on demand to-day was 1s. 6.3/16d.

## THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY  
BY "RINGTAIL."

### ADVICE TO BACKERS.

Unusual interest is centred in  
the opening day of this year's Race  
Meeting by virtue of the fact that  
so many good class ponies are  
engaged. This applies particular-  
ly to the griffin events, where  
punters will find it a difficult  
matter to separate some of the  
most forward of these good-look-  
ing, and speedy animals.

The subscription griffins are not  
so good as last year's contingent,  
and I would advise backers to  
always have a bit on the old  
ponies for preference when they  
are included in the Subscription  
Griffin races for past and present  
winners.

The Dynasty stable have the  
pick of the sprint ponies, and I  
have no doubt they will be well  
represented in races which call for  
fast and snappy performances.

The Stag stables have quite a  
number of good ponies in their  
string, the principal griffin being  
Wisdom Stag, whilst the best of  
the old ponies is undoubtedly  
Apollo, who is certain to put a  
hole into some of our past records.

The Hynes and Mackie stable is  
not so well supplied as last year  
and although it will win a certain  
number of races I fancy the  
owners will have to wait until  
ponies which have won will be  
handicapped with penalties for  
winning.

The Jardine stable is not very  
promising and unless the old  
ponies score in their events I do  
not see how they will break even  
on the meeting.

On account of the large number  
of ponies it is a little difficult to  
find out where they are all going,  
so I shall have to content my-  
self in selecting according to my  
own ideas and trust that I have  
the luck to pick them for the races  
in which they will be started.

Any pony I mention will be well  
to follow in the other races later  
if he is not sent to the post in  
races during the early part of the  
meeting. Always back the Shang-  
hai jockeys as they have always  
the best selection of mounts. My  
choices for to-day are:—

#### 1st Race.

- 1 Piccy.
- 2 The Jungle Book
- 3 Huachao.

#### 2nd Race.

- 1 Winsome Stag.
- 2 Young Pretender.
- 3 Duke of Chantilly.

#### 3rd Race.

- 1 King's Bounty.
- 2 The Goods.
- 3 Windsor Stag.

#### 4th Race.

- 1 Tonbridge.
- 2 Iron Blood.
- 3 Shanghai Beau.

#### 5th Race.

- 1 Sitting Bull.
- 2 Adam.
- 3 President Hall.

#### 6th Race.

- 1 Apollo.
- 2 Boxing Eve.
- 3 Majestic Hall.

#### 7th Race.

- 1 Wisdom Stag.
- 2 African Eve.
- 3 The Tiger.

#### 8th Race.

- 1 Noukhail.
- 2 The Ape.
- 3 Jamiaca.

### NEW CANTON TAX PROPOSAL.

EXTRA MONTH'S TAXES FROM  
CITIZENS.

Canton, Feb. 21.  
Following the astonishing pro-  
posal of Mr. Fan Kee-mo, Commis-  
sioner of Finance of the Provincial  
Government of Kwangtung, to  
delay the salaries of all Provincial  
Government officials in order to  
raise funds for prosecuting the cam-  
paign against the Kwangsi rebels  
and General Chan Fat-kwai's Iron-  
sides, still further extraordinary  
schemes are being planned.

The latest idea is to levy in Can-  
ton one extra month's taxes for the  
purpose of facilitating the redemp-  
tion of Central Bank notes. This  
scheme is to be applied to citizens  
already overburdened with taxation.

This scheme, it is calculated, will  
bring in about six million dollars,  
and together with the previous  
schemes put into operation some  
twenty to thirty million dollars,  
which should be enough, according  
to the Department of Finance for  
the Central Bank to redeem their  
notes of every denomination at full  
face value.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FRENCH MINISTRY RE-SHUFFLED.

FULL LIST OF MEMBERS OF  
THE CABINET.

### SARRAUT HOLDS NAVY.

Paris, Feb. 21.  
M. Chautemps has at last com-  
pleted his Cabinet though he found  
things rather difficult at one time,  
and eventually had to undertake  
some re-shuffling of his first ap-  
pointments. For instance, M. Pietri  
has given up the Colonial Office to  
M. Lamoureux, and M. Ricolfi does  
not go to the Ministry of Pensions.  
Apparently their parties would not  
agree to these appointments.

The reconstituted Cabinet is as  
follows:

Prime Minister and Minister of  
the Interior: M. Chautemps.  
Foreign Affairs: M. Briand.  
Justice: M. Steeg.  
Finance: M. Dumont.  
Budget: M. Palmade.  
War: M. Rene Besnard.  
Navy: M. Albert Sarraut.  
Public Education: M. Jean  
Durand.  
Commerce: M. Bonnet.  
Agriculture: M. Queuille.  
Labour: M. Lecheur.  
Public Works: M. Daladier.  
Colonies: M. Lamoureux.  
Air: M. Eynac.  
Pensions: M. Gallet.  
Post Office: M. Julien Durand.  
Mercantile Marine: M. Danielou.  
—Havas.

### MARVELLOUS FEAT OF ENGINEERING.

KAYE DON PROUD OF HIS  
NEW CAR.

London, Feb. 21.

Kaye Don's four-thousand horse-  
power car, the Silver Bullet, left  
to-day the experimental shop of  
the Sunbeam Works at Wolver-  
hampton, where she has been con-  
structed with the greatest secrecy.

Kaye Don expresses the greatest  
confidence that at Daytona he will  
beat the world's land speed record  
held by Sir Henry Segrave.

He describes the car as the  
greatest engineering feat ever put  
on wheels. He hopes to make his  
attempt between March 15th and  
31st. The car is being taken by  
road to Southampton during the  
week-end and will be transferred  
to the top deck of the Berengaria  
for passage across the Atlantic.  
—British Wireless.

### ALABAMA MARU AGROUND.

S.O.S. TRANSMITTED TO  
HONGKONG.

A radio message was received by  
the Water Police in Hongkong at  
2 o'clock this morning from the  
N.Y.K. steamship Tango Maru,  
which reported that she had picked  
up an S.O.S. from the Alabama  
Maru, stating that she was aground  
at Lat. 35.44 and Long. 140.52 E.,  
which is south of Yokohama.

The Alabama Maru is owned by  
the Otsen Shosen Kaisha, but en-  
quiries at their local office this  
morning revealed that they had no  
additional information concerning  
the fate of the boat. She was ap-  
parently carrying general cargo on  
the Japan-Victoria route, but as to  
whether the ship was hard aground  
they had as yet not learnt.

The Alabama Maru is a vessel of  
9,617 tons and her port of registry  
is Osaka.

### COST OF STATE PENSIONS.

AN IMPOSSIBLE FIGURE  
QUOTED.

In the House of Commons on  
Jan. 30, Mr. Snowden (Chancellor  
of the Exchequer), in reply to Mr.  
Tinker (Sec. Leigh), said: The  
total cost of a pension of 25s. a  
week on all persons over 60 years  
of age is estimated at £330,000,000  
in 1930, rising to £495,000,000 in  
1960, and to £550,000,000 in 1980.

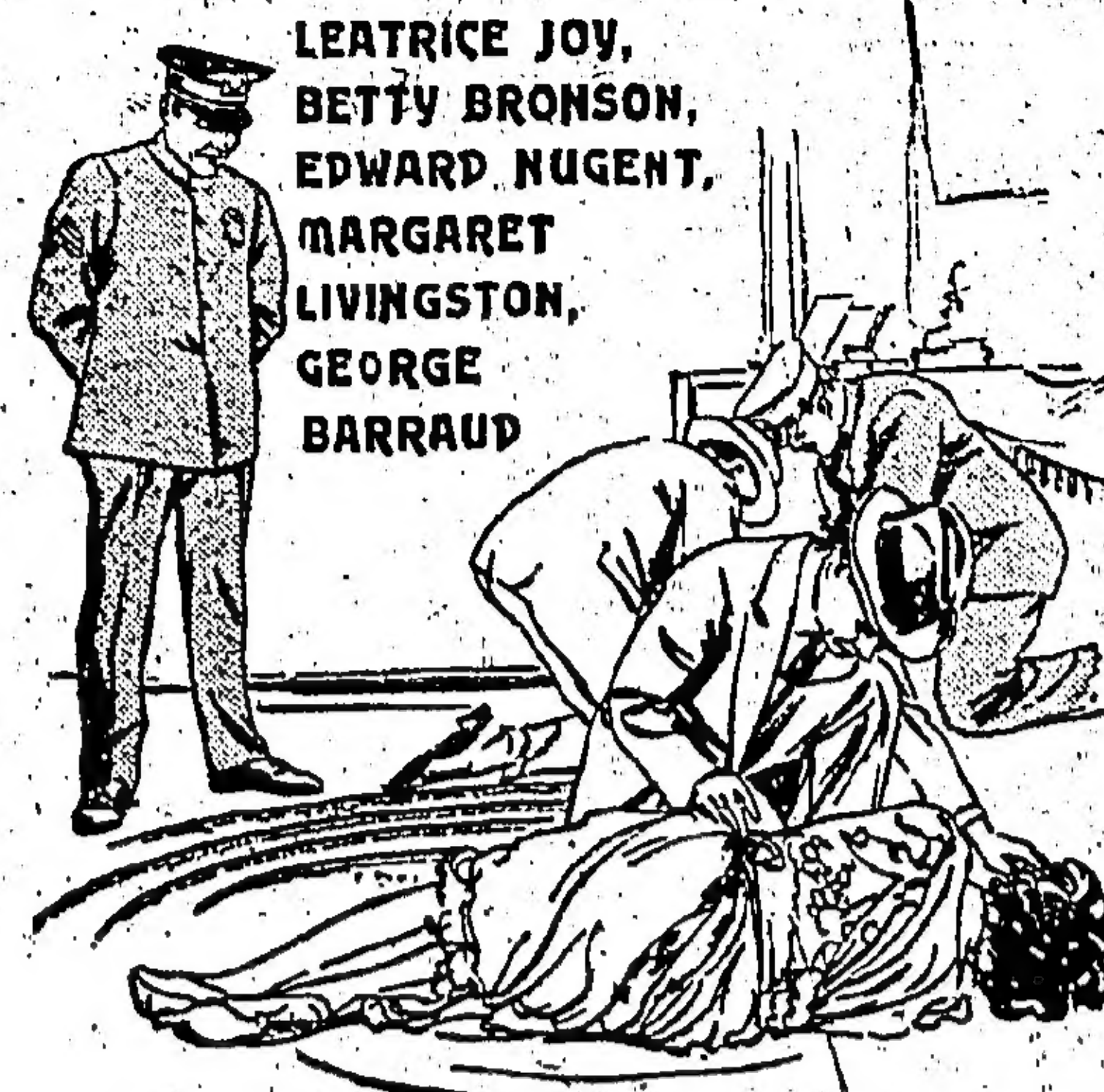
The charge additional to the  
estimated cost of pensions under  
existing legislation, with allow-  
ance for the loss which would re-  
sult from the necessary revision of  
contribution conditions, would be  
about £235,000,000 in 1930, rising  
to roughly £430,000,000 by 1980  
(Laughter.)

Mr. Kirkwood remarked that  
that was only ten per cent. of the  
income of the country, and caused  
loud laughter by adding: "You are  
a lot of duds."

### FAIR WEATHER.

The local weather forecast till  
noon to-morrow is:—Light east or  
variable winds; fair.

## HEARST WITH DIALOGUE



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EDWARD NUGENT,  
MARGARET  
LIVINGSTON,  
GEORGE  
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